

good service in the fight he expected to have with its friends this fall." Why, Mr. "Times," this was the very tip-top of pomposity, and the very climax of impudence towards you, was't it? But 'tis dog eat dog with you; we are not disposed to meddle in your affairs. But to show the inconsistency of the "Enquirer," we quote the following paragraphs from two different articles in that paper:

"While we are sincerely and warmly in favor of the temperance reform as a moral movement, in which field of exertion it has accomplished a great deal of good, and which is its only appropriate sphere, we are utterly opposed to the new direction in which its over-zealous and unwise friends are attempting to give it."

"S. F. CARY, of this county, in a communication addressed to Mr. LONOWORTH through the "Commercial," says the advocates of the Maine Law in Ohio include the native wine of this city and county among the liquors which they intend to proscribe, and the manufacture and sale of which they will punish! Of course! Has fanaticism ever any limit?"

Now, do the sentiments embodied in those clauses accord with each other? Does not the latter statement look very much as though he would feel enormously vexed to see the "good creature," wine, proscribed from our State? And yet he professes to be "sincerely and warmly in favor of the temperance reform, as a moral movement." He strings out a long article on the tyranny of the Maine Law, and compares it, unjustly, to the Alien and Sedition laws that once existed in our government. We are not surprised that he is opposed to those laws, especially the latter, for were it in existence now, it would be very apt to wind up the machine which he so often uses to grind out the wormwood of calumny upon the heads of honest men. But he talks as though this were the first civil infraction ever attempted to be practiced upon the natural rights of the citizens of this country; as if he did not know that the very principle on which our government is based is, that each individual, on becoming a member thereof, surrenders up a portion of his natural rights, and receives in return the protection of its laws. This is absolutely necessary for the well-being of society. In a state of nature, every man would have a right to murder, rob, steal, gamble, counterfeit, &c., without the restraint of law; but when he merges into the compact of civil government, these rights are immediately forfeited. So we claim it should be with the right to traffic in intoxicating liquors. No evil ever existed in this country that threatened so seriously the welfare of society; and still the "Enquirer" maintains that it would be arbitrary to arrest it by law. He asserts that it would be just as proper to "pass laws against extravagance in dress, or household furniture—against the use of tobacco,—forbidding the use of tea and coffee," &c. But we contend that there is scarcely an analogy between the two cases, for the latter is but a very slight private or public misfortune at most, while the former is a most glaring private and public curse.

¶ The indications from all parts of the State are indeed cheering. There is union and harmony everywhere. As a consequence, political parties of the day are in pretty much of a stew.

#### Portage County.

We have before us the proceedings of the "People's Mass Convention" of this county. It was a glorious turn-out, and a Maine Law ticket was unanimously nominated. The most perfect union and harmony prevailed. After the nominations were made the Committee on resolutions reported a series of important resolutions, for the publication of which we regret we have no room. They discussed the right sort of music, and evinced a determined spirit. The meeting was addressed in the afternoon and evening by the Rev. Mr. Hale, of Connecticut, now in the employ of the State Executive Committee, in support of the Maine Law, presenting in a masterly manner, the legal view of the question, and setting aside by unanswerable arguments, all the objections heretofore urged against it, by the rumselling party. The speech of the Reverend gentleman is said to have been the ablest and most convincing ever heard on the Maine Law. Our young and talented friend, J. C. Devin, of Mt. Vernon, was on hand, and favored the Meeting with an excellent speech. He is young in the cause, but he is hard to beat. He is just the kind of a man that we would like to see in the Ohio Legislature, as a representative from old Knox. He has the talent, energy and indomitable perseverance to carry him through. There is nothing to prevent the election of the ticket put forth, as every body in Portage appears to be in favor of the Maine Law.

#### Licking County.

The Democratic party of this county have nominated an out-and-out Maine Law ticket. This is an important movement, and will have a powerful effect upon all political parties, especially as it is the home of Hon. WM. MEDILL, the Democratic candidate for Governor. The just and honorable course of the Democrats of Licking, in complying with the known and oft repeated wishes of the people, is worthy the highest praise, and will be hailed with joy by every lover of the cause in the State.

We hope this move will have the effect to open the eyes of all the old fogies in the land, whether of the Whig or Democratic party, to the important fact that the people—the rulers and sovereigns of the land—have determined, this time, to contraband forever the traffic in intoxicating beverages, and that they can not be swerved from their determination by promises, or appeals to party predilections. They have too often been "deluded, honey-fuggled and bamboozled," by the wire-pullers of either party, whose only object was elevation—to places of honor and profit. That day has gone by, and we trust forever. Candidates must stand upon their merits; the whisky prop has been removed.

What will the *Enquirer* say of this movement?

#### Greene County.

We learn by a gentleman from this county, that the Whigs have nominated Dr. Greene, of Jamestown, as their candidate for the Legislature. Dr. G. is an efficient and reliable temperance man. The friends of the Maine Law desire no better man to vote for. Dr. Wright has also been nominated a candidate for the State Senate, by the same party, for the District composed of the counties of Greene, Clinton and Fayette. He is, also, a warm friend of the Maine Law, and both candidates will, without a doubt, be triumphantly elected.

The Democratic party made an attempt to nominate a candidate for the Legislature, and not being able to settle the question whether the candidate should be in favor of or opposed to the Maine Law, the Convention adjourned, and, so far as that party is concerned, the election will be suffered to go by default. As yet, Dr. Greene has no opposition.

#### Huron County.

A few days since the members and delegates of the Democratic party assembled in Norwalk for the purpose of nominating their ticket for the various elective offices to come off in October. The "noise and confusion" about "this Maine Liquor Law" was

so great that their deliberations were completely overcome and frustrated, and the meeting adjourned, without nominating a single candidate, to meet again in six weeks! only a few days before the election. The Maine Law is getting so "mixed with politics" that, ere long, nothing will be left of it—the Maine Law completely absorbing it. Let the friends of the Law in Huron be on their guard; look well to these nominating assemblies. Politicians, especially of the whisky class, need more watching than any other profession.

#### Lucas County.

We have before us the proceeding of a spirited meeting held at Toledo, on the 16th inst., Mr. Brigham, the Mayor of the city, presiding. The meeting was addressed by Bros. Perrigo, Raymond and Scott, of Toledo, and White and Klink, of Richfield, with a spirit and enthusiasm, highly gratifying to the friends present. A committee was appointed to raise the funds to meet the assessment of the State Executive Committee; and initiatory steps taken to secure a permanent and efficient organization. They have gone to work with a determination to make their mark, and if they continue as they have begun, a triumph awaits them.

#### Highland County.

We extract the following from the Ripley Bee, a most excellent paper, and a warm friend of the Maine Law:

"We are pleased to see that the editor of the Gazette claims that 'the Democracy of Highland are right on this question, and that they will place in nomination for the various offices, sound and reliable men.' He further says: 'Let our Whig friends pursue the same course, and the interests of the temperance cause will be promoted, no matter which party will be successful.'—This is the true policy for all parties—and we say Amen to it."

#### Tuscarawas County.

A brother informs us that the Democrats have made their nominations in this county, and that all save one are opposed to the Maine Law. The candidate for the Legislature is of the whisky stripe. The Whigs have not nominated their ticket. If they fail to comply with the wishes of the people, an independent ticket will be the consequence, and God grant it abundant success.

¶ The Whigs and Free Soilers of Columbiana county, in this State, have had a county convention, and nominated State and county officers jointly. The ticket is pledged to the support of the Maine Law.

#### Demonstrations in Ohio.

We particularly request some one of our friends in each county in the State to give us brief accounts of the progress of their movements when anything transpires which they deem of importance. We desire to present our numerous readers a weekly record of all matters of interest to our cause.

We give below such as we have collected this week.

#### Brown County.

We extract the following resolutions from the proceedings published in the Ripley Bee, of a spirited convention held in Russellville, on the 16th inst.:

*Resolved*, That we will vote for no candidate, for either House of the Legislature, who is not publicly known to be the advocate of such a law.

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of ascertaining the views of candidates for Senator and Representative, who may be brought before the people of this county, a committee be appointed to interrogate each of them in reference to their views on this subject.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the meeting to be called the Temperance Central Committee of Brown county.

C. Baird, Doct. S. Bearce, and J. T. Morgan were appointed said committee.

*Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee of one in each township, in this county, to collect funds for the purchase of Temperance documents and other purposes connected with the cause, and that they pay over their collections to the central committee to be disbursed as said committee or a majority of them may order.

They have appointed a working committee and we predict good results from their action. The last resolution is a very im-

portant one and should be carried out forthwith, so that when Bro. Stewart calls on them they will be ready for him.

#### Seneca County.

By the following bold announcement it will be seen that our friends in this county have commenced the campaign in good earnest. May success crown their noble efforts. The meetings were commenced on the 21st and continued till the 28th inst.:

*Maine Law Campaign—The war already begun.*—Maine Law meetings will be held in the following named places to be addressed by Parker Earle, Esq., a distinguished Maine Law advocate who was engaged in the Maine Law contest in Michigan, and is now in the employ of the State Central Temperance committee, for the purpose of canvassing the State:

Stem town, Sat. afternoon,	27th
Fort Seneca, Saturday night,	27th
Bettaville, Sunday, 11 A. M.,	28th
Bascom, " " night,	28th

Meetings appointed for the afternoon in the above list will convene at each place at two o'clock, and those at night at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Let the friends of Temperance in the several townships in which the meetings are here announced, take special care to have full notice and ample arrangements made for holding the meetings. The time demands at the hands of sobriety and order-loving citizens, uncompromising firmness and energy. C. K. Watson, N. Redd, G. J. Keen, —Braden, D. W. Eastman, J. W. Patterson, D. K. Burg, Charles Foster, S. H. Kisinger, Central Committee. Tiffin, Aug. 18, 1853.

We extract the following from the Tiffin Whig, which shows the complexion of the contest in Seneca county:

*A Contest for Liquor.*—A fierce contest is now waging in this county between the Temperance and the Anti-Temperance Democrats. The one party desire the election to the State Legislature of a strictly Temperance man—one who would favor a prohibitory law, having for its object the prevention of the manufacture and sale of all liquors to be used as a beverage within the State. The other party wishes the election of a man of opposite views—one who will favor liquor-selling and liquor drinking. The Temperance faction is composed of some of the best men of the party—being principally farmers, tax-payers, and men of morality. The other party is mostly made up of office-seeking politicians, liquor-sellers and liquor-drinkers. Our sympathies are all with the Temperance portion, and we would be glad if they could succeed.

We consider the prospects of the friends in Seneca encouraging. All it wants is firmness. Don't let the cry, "It's all a Democratic trick," or "It's only a Whig move," or "It's only an under-ground road of the Free-Soilers," throw your Maine Law locomotive off the track.

Tell the old broken-down office-seekers and old fogies to clear the track, for the people of Ohio intend to take an excursion on the second Tuesday in October, on that huge locomotive called the Maine Law.

#### Belmont County.

By the following it will be seen that the people of Belmont are preparing for the contest, and the friends in Ohio may calculate that they will send a petition to Columbus in boots next winter:

"The Buckeye Broad-Axe is coming! The executive committee of this county are hereby requested to meet in Morristown, at Mrs. Price's house, on Saturday the 20th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of districting the county, for the labors of H. Chace, Esq., who will commence lecturing on Temperance about the 24th inst., throughout every township in the county. By order of the Chairman."

*Township Meeting*—It is requested that the friends of Temperance in Belmont county, will meet in their respective townships, on Saturday the 27th inst., at the usual places of holding their elections, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of raising a State fund. The amount assessed upon this county is \$300, and by raising said fund we will be furnished with the best orators of the day, to speak in favor of the Maine Law. The sum asked will be but \$18.75 from each township in the county. Certainly that sum can be raised add more if required. The secretaries of said meetings are requested to report to the address of the undersigned at St. Clairsville. W. H. CLARK.

¶ The Abstract of the condition of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Ohio, prepared especially for the "Organ" by Bro. Bremigan, G. S., will be published in our next issue.