

THE DEMOCRAT

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ELKTON, Sept. 28, 1861.

State Nominations of the Peace Party.

FOR GOVERNOR,

GEN. BENJ. C. HOWARD,

OF BALTIMORE-COUNTY.

FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY,

A. LINGAN JARRETT,

OF HOWARD COUNTY.

County Nominations.

FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

**CALEB C. BROKAW,
DR. JOSEPH GLACKEN,**

FOR SHERIFF,

ROBERT M. WALMSLEY.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

**GEORGE W. GILLESPIE,
DAVID P. CAMERON,
JOHN W. MORGAN.**

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

GEORGE GILLESPIE.

ELKTON Sept. 27th, 1861.

To Messrs. Henry C. Mackall, John Gilpin,
(of Henry.) and Samuel B. Ford, Central
Committee.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the wishes and advice of some of my personal friends, I must decline the honor of being a candidate for the House of Delegates of Maryland, which the County Convention of the Peace Party conferred on me at its meeting last Tuesday.

I regret very much that this determination on my part will make it necessary for you to call together again that Convention, and will give its members the trouble of making another nomination.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
JAMES BLACK GROOME.

James B. Groome, Esq. having by the above letter declined the nomination tendered him by the Convention of the 24th inst. the Central Committee deem it their duty to notify the members of the Convention of the fact, and to call upon the Convention to re-assemble in Elkton, on Tuesday, the first day of October, to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Mr. Groome.

By order of the
CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

COUNTY NOMINATIONS.—The county convention of the peace party met here on Tuesday last, and nominated a ticket for the Legislature, for Sheriff, County Commissioners, &c. The ticket is a good one, and commends itself to the favorable consideration of the voters of county. The declension of James B. Groome, Esq.

into their custody, after giving a guarantee for their return to the civil authorities.

I ought to say, that although Mr. Stephenson was a man of ultra southern views, and uncompromising in his sentiments, he was a man of good qualities both of head and heart. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for many years, during which time he has led an exemplary life. He leaves a large and very interesting family. Mr. Thomas Kelly was a man of strong passions, though he had many good qualities. He was about 61 years of age.

It may be proper to say that the soldiers engaged in this dreadful affair were absent from their quarters on leave.—They were not armed, except with knives, and they were not seen on them in the street. They all appeared young; indeed some of them looked to be quite youths, perhaps not more than 17 or 18. They are New York volunteers.

The coroner's jury, we understand, brought in a verdict that Mr. Stephenson came to his death from a stab with a knife in the hands of one of the soldiers; that Mr. Kelly came to his death from a stab inflicted by an unknown party; and that the disturbance was caused by an attempt to break up the meeting. Five of the party, it is said, will be held for trial.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS.—Along the Potomac affairs are reported quiet. A battle is not expected, for the present near Washington. In Western Virginia, Gens. Floyd and Wise, on one side, and Gens. Rosecrans and Cox, on the other, are still manœuvring for the advantage, with occasional skirmishes. In Missouri, Gen. Price occupied Lexington, and Gen. Ben McCullough was hastening to join him, while Gens. Seigel and Lane were threatening Price and marching upon Lexington for the purpose of surrounding him. Gen. Fremont has fortified St. Louis. A fleet of schooners and several gunboats sailed on Tuesday from Fortress Monroe for Hatteras Inlet. The gunboats are side-wheeled steamers and of light draft. They will operate in Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds. From points south there is no reliable intelligence.

RAPE.—Report reached here yesterday from Sassafras Neck, that a young negro man named Frederick, belonging to Capt. M. C. Pearce, of this town, committed a rape on a young lady about fourteen years of age in Sassafras Neck, on Thursday last. He was arrested taken to Cecilton and the matter investigated, and from thence taken to a tree in the vicinity of the act, and hung. These are the facts as reported to us.