

BIGLER CLUB, NO. 2.

The second regular meeting of Bigler Club, No. 2, was held at the public house of Samuel W. Whitehill, on Saturday evening last, and although the night was very dark and rainy, the large front room and the one adjacent were crowded full.--The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and unanimously adopted. Dr. N. B. Wolfe then addressed the Association, and spoke at length of the character and public services of Hon. James Buchanan, and the brilliant administration of the lamented Polk. At the conclusion of his remarks, he read the following patriotic and truly Pennsylvania letter, which was responded to with enthusiastic applause:

No. 186, Ronaldson, Row)
Philadelphia, April 11, 1851.)

My Dear Sir:--I wish it was in my power to visit Columbia with the view of complying with your invitation, tendered in behalf of Bigler Club No. 2, to address that patriotic body of citizens. I am already under an engagement to address Club No. 1, in Lancaster city, on the 26th inst., which I shall have to comply with at serious inconvenience. My professional duties are such as to require my constant attendance here. I must, however, avail myself of this opportunity to say, that I cordially concur in the object of your association. My acquaintance with Col. Bigler has induced me to form a high estimate of his talents and business qualifications, and to appreciate fully the prudence, modesty and manliness that constitute the leading feature of his political character; and I feel well convinced, that he will not only be nominated by the Democratic State Convention in June, but elected by the people next fall to the Gubernatorial office. What I like about him best, is that I believe he has in his heart the true feeling that should characterize every Pennsylvanian. He has, I am sure, a disinterested and enthusiastic devotion for the interests, honor, advancement and historical reputation of his native State, not measured or influenced in any respect by considerations of dollars and cents--by narrow personal prejudices against particular men, or by expectations of office. For let me say that, while we all have reason to look with great satisfaction upon the wealth, the thrift, the industry and the physical resources of the State, we must not forget that the future prosperity, power and fame, as well as the estimation in which it will be held by the other American States, and by all other nations too, will depend in no small degree, upon the moral and intellectual light shed over our beloved and honored Common-

wealth, by the genius and illustrious public services of our distinguished public men. A Nation or State to be truly great, must produce great men. In history they appear in their characters and services, the proudest monuments of a nation's glory. Now you will allow me to say that, other than Pennsylvania, I know of no State in the Union that has failed to support and cherish with unanimity its own accomplished Statesmen, and all proper times to indicate a determination to advance them by their encouragement, approval and support to the highest honors of the Republic. Pennsylvania seems to have had no ambition for the Presidency, or else to have made the fatal mistake that its possession would be worthless. Many citizens think that Pennsylvania has certain important interests peculiar to herself. It is possible that they do not clearly perceive that these interests, whatever they may be, might be secured with some real effect, if Pennsylvania, instead of consenting as she has heretofore done, to be the mere tail of Federal politics, would seek to hold in the person of one of her own great and patriotic citizens, the substantial and lofty power, by which she might shape events and give direction to public affairs.

But I will not detain you longer, I wish to be understood as sincerely and heartily recognizing the idea of State nationality, and that now, and hereafter, no matter what others may do, I am first—always for Pennsylvania.

Truly your friend and obedient servant,

R.O. TYLER.

Dr. N.B. Wolfe, Columbia, Pa.

Letters were then read in reply to invitations extended by the Committee of Arrangements, to address our Club, from Hon. John Cassna, of Bedford, Col. John W. Forney, of Philadelphia, and W. H. Welsh, Esq., of York, all of whom have consented to address our Association at whatever time we may fix upon. The "Club Roll" was then signed by a number of gentlemen; and Mr. Cline gave us one of his imimitable "talks" amidst much cheering. Three cheers were then given for Col. Bigler, when on motion of Adam Maxten, the meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday evening, May 3rd, in the Town Hall.
Adjourned.

J.J. Gault, President.

C.M. Strein, Secretary.