...a great Democratic convention of the 4th of ..., at Poughkeepsie, New-York, on the 5th ..., the following Resolutions, among others were adopted unanimously. The celebration was presided over by our President and our Vice Presidents, *all soldiers of the Revolution:*

Resolved, That from the commencement of our political existence, the great and leading principle of the framers of parties has been whether the people or the money power should rule—that on the one hand we have seen the Federal party all seeking a National Bank—a national debt—the funding system—large government expenses—a standing army—general improvements by the general government—direct taxation—the right of Congress to create corporations for all purposes—the existence of the Banking system—the collection of revenue by Bonds among the States—alien and sedition laws—and a latitudinous construction of the constitution in all its provisions, and restrictions on the elective franchise, and on the privileges of adopted citizens. These measures, for a whole century, from first to last, were to take power from the mass of the people, and give it to the money power and the few who control it. On the other hand, the Democratic party have opposed these things—advocated free trade—free intercourse—low laws—cheap and simple government—no taxes or debt, or public burdens—but universal freedom—the rights of the States, and the rights of the people. These are the true principles and characters of our politics, and in the long ascendancy of the Democratic party and the long struggle of the Federal party for power, they have been fully developed and demonstrated. The people may be Federalists, but love Democracy—because Federalism fears the people, but Democracy trusts them. Democracy may err, but if it does it repents and reforms.—Federalism may assume for a time, to be the friend of the people—but it soon betrays its deception, and falls back to its usual policy and inherent nature—such ever has been and such ever is the true and real difference between our parties. It is now what it always has been. Federalism is Federalism still, and Democracy is Democracy still. Men may change, and names may alter—but principles, truth, justice and freedom, federalism and democracy, are unalterable, immutable, and eternal. No man is a Democrat longer than he adheres to democratic principles, neither is any man a Federalist longer than he all events and adheres to federal principles and measures. Men are made Federalists or Democrats by their principles. The great contest now before the country is the same which has existed for the last half century—the Federal party are struggling for power—they want to put down the people—to make another National Bank, and to rule the country by the money influence. The people have hitherto triumphed in every contest, and no candid man can doubt their success at the next election. The people of the United are a Democratic people, and they will sustain the Administration. The new flock of Federalists, to have no principles and to state no measures, cannot deserve any one. If they did change their principles, they would own the change. Their silence proves their guilt, and shows that they still are, what they always were, unchanged and unchangeable.

Resolved, That we rejoice at the passage of the Independent Treasury Bill, and congratulate the Democracy of the Union upon this great victory of the people over the money power. That we thank the Republican members of Congress, and especially our Democratic Senator, for the vigorous and patriotic support of this important measure. That we believe a divorce of Bank and State was called for by every consideration of public interest and Republican principle, having its origin in the people, and the letter of the Constitution. That this system is in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Constitution, will operate beneficially upon all the great branches of industry—agriculture—internal manufacturing—foreign commerce, and labor, and diffuse throughout the community a healthy and prosperous action of all parts. That although we know that the Whig politicians are laboring to embarrass the people and business, in order that they may falsely charge upon the Administration the troubles of the times, and thus forget and terrify the people into a support of Federalism, and that to effect this object they will do all they can to make bad times until after the election—still we have full confidence that the Democracy of the Union will stand unmoved, united, and undismayed. The patriots of the Revolution quailed not before their foes and although threatened with starvation, confiscation and death, "war, pestilence and famine," they vanished not, but fought and were free. Then, too, Democracy was hunted from employ and refused work—the mechanic was deprived of his custom, and the farmer often refused for his stock and crops, and all were told of the ruin of the country, unless they bowed down to save the British Throne. The same thing is now attempted. The laborer, mechanic, and manufacturers are discouraged—prices are tested, and business paralyzed, in order that Federalism may carry the election. But they cannot subdue the people—a few months of courage, and British Wineguery will be no more seen or heard of—the unterrified Democracy will triumph—the times will change, and the country will be prosperous and happy.

After the Resolutions had been adopted, Mr. W. B. HAGAN, of the city of New York, who had been invited to address the assembly, was introduced, and delivered a most eloquent and powerful speech—from which we make the following extracts:

The war of the Revolution established our political *independence*, as that of 1812 secured from the family of nations an acknowledgement of our political *equality*. Since that period, as regards foreign countries, we have reposed securely upon the vantage ground established by the bravery of our forefathers. But the principles of liberty, which by their *first* action asserted our rights as a nation, have not since been inoperative and silent. Their force has been directed to social and domestic reformations. Many of the forms of a monarchy remained among us even after we had, as a nation, become Republicans. The theory of our free Government encountered many obstacles in its practical operation. We inherited from our anti-Democratic ancestors many erroneous principles, and retained many aristocratic practices. A peace of twenty-six years has, in part, sufficed for improvement and reformation of our domestic economy, in these particulars. The laws of hereditary descent have been so reformed as to prevent the inordinate accumulation of great estates; the right of suffrage has been enlarged; restrictions upon commerce have been abolished; we have repealed and repealed a system of high protection duties; and many monopolies and prohibitions, retarding as encroachments upon natural rights, have yielded before the advancing power of Democratic truth.

The most dangerous element of aristocracy is *Banks*—the most difficult to expose, overcome and exterminate—its most subtle in its operations ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible]