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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1864.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The members of the Union Party of Northumberland County, are requested to meet in the different Townships and Boroughs of the County, on Saturday the 6th of August, to elect delegates to attend a County Convention, which will assemble in Sunbury, on Monday the 8th of August, to nominate candidates for Congress, Legislature, and the County Offices to be elected at the October election. It is of the greatest importance that each District in the County should be represented.

C. B. SMITH,

Chairman of Standing Committee.

Local Affairs.

FESTIVAL.—The ladies connected with the German Reformed Church, held a festival in the former office of Mr. Hill, on the first three days of the present week. The receipts were over \$100.

RAIN.—On Tuesday evening, about 7 o'clock, a fine rain set in, and continued, with little or no intermission, until midnight. The rain came down in torrents for nearly four hours. It was glorious and refreshing, and was greatly needed to revive the crops of corn, potatoes, and vegetation generally.

At Home.—Capt. L. R. Dunkleberger, of the First Regiment U. S. Cavalry who was severely wounded in the left arm and shoulder at Petersburg, arrived at this place on Monday last.

The August Term of our Courts commenced on Monday. There was not much business transacted, and in the afternoon the Court adjourned over till Wednesday, on account of the election held on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening it again adjourned in order to give those desirous of doing so, to observe Thursday as a day of Fasting and Prayer, as recommended by the President.

Thursday being a day set apart by the President for Fasting and Prayer, the stores and most of business places were closed. Divine service was held in several of the churches.

Election Returns of Northumberland County, on the Amendments.

OFFICIAL.

THE DRAFT.—A number of substitutes are now being placed in the service by persons who have not been drafted, but are subject to draft. Persons not willing to go themselves, and able to procure substitutes should do so at once. They will thereby clear themselves from draft, and at the same time help the quota of their respective districts, and make it so much lighter on poor men who cannot readily go, and cannot afford to pay for a substitute. The substitutes must be under twenty or over forty-five years of age, or those who have been in the service at least two years. Aliens are also accepted. If you wait until you are drafted, you will have to pay double, triple, or perhaps four times the sum for which you can now procure your substitute. Delay will prove both expensive and dangerous.

Those eager to know whether the payment of \$200 commutation exempted for three full years from all drafts are informed that such payment, if made at any time prior to February last, does so exempt.—In February, the law was changed to that the payment of \$300 thereafter exempted only for the *first* commutation draft; while since the passage of the Act of this month there is no commutation whatever. All who are henceforth drafted, and found liable, must serve in person or substitute.

FESTIVALS.—On Wednesday last, several festive days off in Market Square, which resulted in the tapping of several new appendages. In the afternoon Wm. T. Richey, a blant politician, impregnated with an extra quantity of the green stuff of copper, gave vent, as usual, to a gassy tirade, and, as we learn, abused the Administration and all who supported it or fought under it. Some of the soldier boys home on furlough, among them Botts Hopper, determined to expel Richey, when he drew a knife, whereupon Charley Beck seized his wrist, wrenched the weapon from his hands. In the scuffle, Richey's shirt was tattered, and it was deemed necessary to take him to a pump to wash his mouth, a cleansing operation that might often be repeated, with advantage to foul mouthed brawlers. Richey complained that he was left alone, among bold dogs, and that no one came to assist him, although he gave the sign. About noon, Hopper, who was entirely under the control of John Harrieson, was after him with a pistol. Richey was finally locked in a room and sent across the river, glad to escape from "Lincoln's Hiredlings."

In the afternoon a Mr. Hogenlobler of Milton a stout athletic man, who threatened to whip some of the boys, was severely handled by David Lewis of this place. David is a small man, and like David of old, was a stranger to fear. The way he handled the Miltonian was rather surprising, and it was thought the lesson might be a useful one.

There were some disloyal persons in Frederick, but left as the rebels were driven from the country. A few of this sort remained, but they are known, and for good reasons keep quiet, or act the hypocritical part in crying "Save the Union." The majority are for sustaining the government, and by their acts prove their loyalty. On Saturday, when we were marching through the city, tired and foot sore, thirty and covered with dust, buckets of cool water were passed through the ranks, and distributed in the door steps, so that the boys could refresh themselves, while maidens fair and elderly ladies stood in their doors distributing bread, butter, and other edibles. Handkerchiefs waved from the windows and many flags were displayed from the houses.

In this part of the country the Sanitary and Christian Commissions show their good works. At Harper's Ferry agents of these associations gave the men Jannies Oliver in fresh water, attended to quite a number who were sun struck and fainted up in a dying condition, and had them conveyed to private houses that they might receive proper attention. The same was done at Frederick. Over five hundred sick and wounded are in the hospitals here, who are well attended and kindly cared for by these men. The soldiers are profuse in their praise of these associations, and indeed God bless them, is uttered for them and those that contribute. I am sorry I cannot say as much for those employed by these Good Samaritans in the Department of the Gulf.

Orders have just been issued for the army to move at four o'clock tomorrow morning. Rumor says that Chambersburg has been destroyed by the rebels, and if that is the case our next move will be into Pennsylvania. The boys are well. My respects to all in the office, friends generally, and for yourself, believe me as ever.

Yours, Fraternally, H. D. W.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

List of Causes for August 1st, 1864.

John Walke vs Eliza of John Walke, sen, dec'd.

Jacob H. Head vs Lemuel Chamberlin,

John C. Hoffman, vs same

Wm L. Dewert vs Reuben Fagley & Co

John Drucker, vs Cleaver, Fagley & Co.,

Klaus & Pucher, vs John C. Fagley & et al,

Franz Klase, vs same

Martin C. Vincent to John L. Watson,

Girard Fire & Marine Co. vs Statten

High Coal, vs Daniel P. Canl,

The Big Mtn. Imp. Co. vs T. Baumgardner et al

Katy Stamm, & vs John F. Wolfgang,

Com. of Penn's for Purcell vs Jas Vandyke & ball

Samuel Wright & Son vs John F. Wolfgang,

James M. Head vs S. B. Dorr & Wm. Wirt,

E Y Bright & Son vs E. O'Conor & A. O'Conor,

John Buyses, vs Wm L. Dewert,

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J. H. Riker, assignee of Patrick Schenck,

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