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The Militia Law of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 26.—The following is a summary, for popular use, of the principle points of the militia law of the State, as amended by the Legislature which has just adjourned:

The militia consists of able-bodied white citizens between twenty-one and forty-five years, except idiots, lunatics, drunkards, vagabonds, paupers and criminals.

The citizens exempt from enrollment are those physically disabled, members and officers of the Legislature, heads of State departments at Harrisburg, judges and clerks of courts, sheriffs, recorders of deeds, registrars of wills, probonaries and district attorneys, militia officers who have served seven or more volunteers who have served three years.

The enrolled militia must drill by companies thrice and by regiments at least twice a year. The penalty for non-attendance is five dollars per day for officers and three dollars for privates.

The State is divided into twenty militia divisions. Each county is a separate brigade, except Philadelphia (which is four) and Pittsburg, (which is one.)

The enrolled militia must uniform themselves. The State allows for each uniform \$6. The penalty for neglect or refusal is \$25.

The militia are not liable to be called into active service except in case of invasion, insurrection, riot or tumult made or threatened, or in obedience to the orders of the Governor. When in service the militia receive the same pay as United States troops, and the families of dead or wounded are entitled to pensions.

The Governor possesses all needed powers to organize the entire State militia; and, in addition, has special power to organize as many regiments as he may think proper (not exceeding fifteen), to be called the Pennsylvania State Guard. The companies of this organization elect their own officers, but the Governor appoints their regimental officers. This State Guard may be kept in service as long as deemed necessary, not exceeding three years, and the men may be raised by draft in the whole or any particular part of the commonwealth. When drafted either in the State Guard or the regular militia the man must appear in person or by substitute, or else suffer such punishment as a court martial may determine.

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A house for the orphan children of deceased soldiers is about to be erected at Quincy, Ill. It is proposed to endow it with \$200,000.

Local Affairs.

THE CIRCUS that was to have been here, will be among the missing. The agent, Mr. Whitney, had made partial arrangements for advertising, but unfortunately for him, had a dare up with one of our leaders, whose business it was, rather to "take in strangers" than to "fall out" with them. But such is the transitory nature of all things human in this mundane sphere. The agent resolved to cut the town and all therein, not excepting the editorial fraternity. The upshot of all this is that the good people of Northumberland are to have a full benefit of that which they are anxious to escape, a *draft* of their purses—*in transit plena mudi*.

THE DESERTERS—As a soldier in south was approaching town, on Wednesday morning, two or a company of soldiers, who had gone as substitutes, jumped from the cars. Several shots were fired at them by the guard but they escaped across the fields. A squad of men was left behind to capture them, if possible.

Some of the ladies of this place have made arrangements for an exhibition of a series of tables and chairs, to be given at the Fountain Hotel, on Thursday and Friday evenings. Some young gentlemen and ladies of Harrisburg and Williamsport, are to take part. Music and refreshments will comprise part of the programme. The proceeds will be used for the Sanitary Commission. The reconstruction train will take persons attending it to and from the exhibition.

PAPER has taken another rise, and is now 200 per cent higher than formerly, and yet white rags have advanced but little in price. Such monopolies are an outrage.

THE MELONS appear abundant this season. Our eaten melons, preserved in this section, are superior in flavor to those in the city, while our watermelons, on the other hand, do not come up to that standard.

ABOUT FORTY of the Columbia County confederates have been arrested. Among these misguided persons were aged men. They passed through this place Wednesday night train.

FOR THE AMERICAN—The Little Helpers have sent another box to the Christian Commission, for the benefit of wounded soldiers, containing 142 Pairs.

POST AND HANDBOOKS, 5 New Books, 1 Paper Corn Starch. Contributed by Master Willie Dewart.

COLUMBIAN, Aug. 30, 1864. J. F. W.

WEST MINSTER REVIEW—The July number of this publication contains the following articles:—Paul's Schools in England; Novels with a Purpose; Liberal Protestantism; Mr. Lewis' Aristotle; The Tenure of Land; Dr. Newman and Mr. Gladstone; Edward About Progress; Thackeray; Controversy Literature; Strauss's Life of Jesus; Cardinal Wiseman's Sermons; Bishop Colenso's Letter to His Lady; Force and Master; by Dr. Busch.

DISTRESSING INDETERMINACY—It is with feelings of sadness that we record the sudden death of Dr. John Kitzmiller, of this place, on the 21st instant. He was a man of great talents and a prominent member of the Luthern Church. His death creates much lamentation in this country.

It seems that on Wednesday last Mr. Kitzmiller dined in a side-horse buggy to his son, in the Luthern Church, and was returning home from Pittsburg, when he stopped to have some business there, and started to walk. After passing over the road which is a very rocky one, about a mile he was observed by some children in an adjoining field, who told him on the road was a snake. He turned back and went home again to express some part of the horrors of his fears, the animal at the time walking. He was thus soon to fall, but was caught by some of the garrison and hung head down.

The horse started and ran rapidly, and almost a mile before it could stop, the animal was dead.

The President decided that the point was well taken, and amid the wildest confusion Mr. Harris retired from the stand.

CHICAGO CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock this p.m.

Mr. Crittis stated that the committee on resolutions had agreed upon a series of resolutions, and were ready to report. The resolutions were read as follows:

Resolved, That in the future, as in the past, we will adhere to the unwavering fidelity of the Union under the Constitution, as the only solid foundation of our strength, sincerity and happiness as a people, as the frame-work of the Government, equally conducive to the welfare and prosperity of all the States both northern and southern.

Resolved, That this Convention does explicitly declare as the sense of the American people, that after four years of failure to restore the Union, the experiment of war during which under the pretence of military necessity, or the war power higher than the Constitution, the Constitution itself has been disregarded in every part and public liberty and private right alike trodden down, and the national prosperity of the country essentially impaired. That justice, humanity, liberty and public welfare demand that immediate efforts be made for the cessation of hostilities with a view to the convention of all the States, or other peaceful means to that end, that at the earliest practicable moment peace may be restored on the basis of the Federal Union of the States.

Resolved, That the direct interference of the military authority of the United States in the recent elections held in Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri and Delaware, was a shameful violation of the Convention; and a repetition of such acts in the approaching elections will be resisted with all the means and power under our control.

Resolved, That the aim and object of the Democratic party is to preserve the Federal Union and the rights of the States unimpaired; and they hereby declare that they consider the administrative usurpation of extraordinary and dangerous powers not granted by the Constitution, the subversion of civil by military law in the States not in insurrection, the arbitrary military arrests and imprisonment without trial, and sentence of American citizens in the States where the civil law exists in full force, the suppression of freedom of speech and of the press, the denial of the right of asylum, the open and avowed disregard of State rights, the interference with and denial of the right to bear arms as calculated to prevent the restoration of the Union and the perpetration of a Government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed.

Resolved, That the shameful disregard of the Administration in its duty in respect to our fellow-citizens, who now and have been prisoners, and are now in a suffering condition, deserves the severest reprobation from the man most appears in person or by substitute, or else suffer such punishment as a court martial may determine.

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