

FRIDAY: DEC. 27, 1861.

B. F. Meyers, Editor & Proprietor.

Democratic State Executive Committee. A meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee will be held at the Buehler House, HARRISBURG, on Wednesday, January 15, 1862, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Democratic papers in the State will please copy.

WILLIAM H. WELSH, Chairman.

The Organization of the House.

Politicians of all parties seem, at present, to be considerably exercised on the question of the organization of the lower house of the State Legislature. There are Democratic candidates, Republican candidates, "Union" candidates and Independent candidates already in the field for the important offices to be filled upon the assembling of the House. How to bring any thing like party rule or order out of this chaos of candidates, is the problem that puzzles the wire-workers. As for the Republicans, they may fix up their "slates" themselves, and cipher out their programme by any process they please. We have no advice for them. Nor do we desire to give advice to the Democratic members, as, no doubt, they will know best how to manage the interests of the party when they put their heads together in caucus. But we have a suggestion to make, which, we think, if acted upon by the Democratic members, will obviate all difficulty in effecting a speedy organization and certainly prevent the control of the House from passing into the hands of the Republicans.

Aid for the Sick and Wounded Soldiers.

The ladies of Bedford Borough have, within the past few weeks, manufactured and sent to the Sanitary Commission at Washington, for the use of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Union Army, the following articles, to wit:— Ten white muslin shirts, 10 unbleached muslin shirts, 12 Canton flannel shirts, 6 red flannel shirts, 14 pairs Canton flannel drawers, 9 dressing gowns, 54 pairs woolen stockings, 10 pairs socks, 2 dozen handkerchiefs, 40 bandages, 2 dozen combs, 66 towels, 22 pillows, 22 pillow cases, 13 sheets, 13 comforters, 4 quilts, 1 coverlet, 6 papers corn starch; also, dried fruits, jelly, jam, &c.

STILL LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER ARAGO. Return of General Scott. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 21.—The steamship Arago, from Havre, via Southampton on the 11th inst., passed Cape Race at 6 o'clock this morning, and was intercepted there by the news boat of the Associated Press.

Kentucky on Cameron.

Both houses of the Kentucky Legislature, have passed resolutions asking the President to dismiss Simon Cameron from the Cabinet. The resolutions were adopted by an overwhelming vote. As there are but one or two "secessionists" in the Kentucky Legislature, almost the entire body being staunch friends of the Union, this request of the immediate representatives of the loyal people of Kentucky, will hardly be denounced as a "disunion trick," or a manoeuvre of the "northern echoes of Secession."

Glorious News!

Signal victories have been obtained over the rebels in Missouri and on the line of the Potomac. In Missouri nearly 2000 prisoners have been taken, and large quantities of stores and supplies intended for Gen. Price destroyed, or captured. This victory is the first of any consequence in Missouri. Under Gen. Halleck's regime, our army is successful. The reason is plain. He minds his own business, and lets politics and slavery alone. The triumph at Drainesville, was also a brilliant one. Forty rebels were killed, a large number wounded and several taken prisoners. Our loss was some 8 killed and a considerable number wounded. The gallant Colonel Kane, whose regiment passed through here last summer, was wounded in the neck. Col. McCalmont's regiment, of which our Bedford boys are members, was at the scene of the action. None of them, we were, were injured.

Assistant Clerk of the House.

We understand that our friend, R. MILTON SPEER, Esq., of Huntingdon, is an applicant for the position of Assistant Clerk of the House. Mr. Speer would make an excellent clerk and we know of no young Democrat who better deserves the office. We hope he may succeed.

Local and Miscellaneous.

...Gone—merry Christmas. ...Coming—New Year. May it be a happy one to our readers. ...Precarious perambulation—traveling on the side-walks. ...Well attended—the Teachers' county Institute now in session here. ...Gone glimmering—those halcyon December days. ...The Regiments which contain most of the Bedford county companies, have been sent to Beaufort, S. C. ...That gallant Irishman, Col. Meagher, has been appointed a Brigadier General. ...In town—our young friend, H. Irvine, formerly deputy Prothonotary, now of the 2nd Pa. Cavalry. He reports "all well," and looks like a fine "sober boy." Success to him.

Important from the South Side of the Potomac.

An Engagement between Five Thousand Confederates and a Foraging Expedition from Gen. McCalls Division. A Sharp Contest. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—This morning, at six o'clock, a portion of Gen. McCalls' division proceeded in the direction of Drainesville on a foraging expedition, and also for the purpose of making a reconnaissance in that locality. Drainesville is about midway between General McCalls' head quarters and Leesburg. On arriving in that vicinity our troops encountered the enemy, who had four regiments of infantry—South Carolinians, Alabamians and Kentuckians—with a battery of artillery, and a regiment of cavalry, under command of Gen. Stewart.

THE FIGHT AT FORT PICKENS.

We have the last official report of Colonel Brown, the commander at Fort Pickens, concerning the bombardment. It proves that the rebels have as little cause to exult over the affair as they had over Hollins' exploit at the mouth of the Mississippi. Col. Brown opened fire to destroy the rebel steamers, and put a stop to the use of Government buildings and tools in the Navy Yard. The bombardment continued two days, in which time the rebel Fort McRea was silenced, together with one or two rebel batteries; two-thirds of the village of Warrington and the Navy Yard was

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LATEST WAR NEWS.

From the Upper Potomac.

CANNON FIRING ACROSS THE RIVER. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—P. M.—(via Hagerstown, Dec. 21.)—To-day a large dwelling near the burnt mill at Dam No. 5 was discovered to be on fire, when four men from the First Virginia Volunteers went over and extinguished the fire, and brought back many useful articles left by the rebels. An exchange of shots with artillery at Dam No. 5, occurred to-day between one of our 12-pounders and one of the enemy's 12-pound guns. The latter were driven off. A squad of the enemy's cavalry made their appearance opposite Williamsport to-day, but made no demonstration. It was generally thought that Jackson's forces have concentrated to-day at Falling Waters, but only an occasional picket was seen there. Refugees continue to arrive by way of Hancock. They confirm the report of this morning, and add that Jackson's whole force is nearly 15,000 men, 4,000 of whom arrived at Winchester on Sunday from the valley, and that it was Jackson's intention to cross over and sack Williamsport. There were some movements among our troops to-day, placing them in the most available position to meet and repel any attempts of the enemy to cross.

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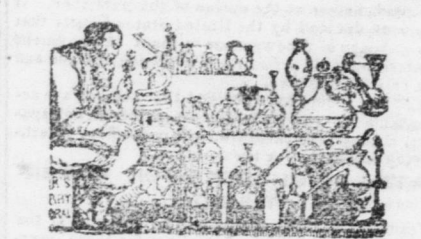
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MARRIED.

CLARK—STATLER.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. W. Prichard, Dr. John J. Clarke, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., to Miss Emma Statler, of Schellsburg, Bedford county.

DIED.

REININGER.—On the 25th of Nov., in Middle Woodbury tp., Michael S. Reininger, aged 16 years, 8 months and 25 days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of James Smith, late of Southampton tp., dec'd, having been granted the subscriber, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

RAILROAD ELECTION.

The stockholders of the Bedford Railroad Company, are hereby notified that an election for President and twelve Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, in the borough of Bedford on Monday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1862, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock, P. M.; and a meeting of said stockholders is hereby called for that purpose.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Letters Testamentary on the estate of Patrick Haney, late of Cumberland Valley township, dec'd, having been granted the subscribers, all persons indebted to said estate, are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same, will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

H. J. BRUNER, JAS HANEY, Executors.