



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, &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." We hope that the President will act promptly in compliance with the wishes of the Kentucky Legislature. We have always maintained that unless Abolitionism be first put down, the Union cannot be restored. Kentucky, the firmest of all the loyal Slave States, gives us ample confirmation of this opinion. The time-serving demagogue who misrepresents Pennsylvania in the Cabinet, should at once be removed from office, so that the loyal people of the South may be assured that our Government does not mean to make war upon their local institutions, or their personal and political rights.

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 "soggy boy." Success to him.

Judge Black, formerly Attorney General, and last Secretary of State under Mr. Buchanan, has been appointed Reporter for the United States Supreme Court, in place of Benjamin C. Howard, resigned.

...The Snake Spring Teachers' Institute (E. F. Kerr, Pres't., E. Hartley, Sec'y.) will meet at the School-house near B. R. Ashcom's, on Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Teachers and friends of education are invited to attend.

...Our Carrier will call upon his friends on New Year's day, with an Address which he flatters himself will give satisfaction to all who may "invest." As he has not called upon his patrons for two years, he hopes that they will be liberal toward him on this occasion. All he asks of them, is that they will "give the devil his due."

Importance 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' headquarters 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 only troops on our side engaged in the affair were General Ord's brigade, the First Rifles, and Easton's battery of four guns. The enemy were completely routed and fled precipitately, after a fight of an hour and a half, leaving two caissons and a quantity of small arms, blankets, great coats, etc., more than our troops could bring away.

After the enemy had retreated, General McCalls sent two officers to count the rebels killed and wounded, when it was ascertained that they had left on the field 57 killed and 22 wounded. Three of the latter died on being removed, making their loss 60 killed and 19 wounded—a total of 79 killed and wounded and they no doubt carried off many.

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MORE GOOD NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Dec. 20. Further information is received from the West this morning, to the effect that, in addition to the expedition of Gen. Pope against the enemy at or near Clinton, the county seat of Henry county, another part of his forces under Col. Davis and Major Marshall, surprised another camp of rebels, on the afternoon of the 18th, near Nutford, a little north of Warrensburg.

A brisk skirmish ensued, when the rebels finding themselves surrounded surrendered. Col. Davis took 1,800 prisoners, including three Colonels, seventeen Captains, 1,000 stand of arms, sixty-five wagons, 1,000 horses, a large supply of tents, baggage and supplies. Our loss was two killed and eight wounded. The rebel loss is not yet known.

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LATEST WAR NEWS.

From the Upper Potomac.

CANNON FIRING ACROSS THE RIVER. WILLIAMSBURG, 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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SEDALIA, Dec. 20.—Col. Palmer's brigade arrived here last night, and Gen. Pope is expected to-day. All information from the west and north is to the effect that no efforts have been spared to send Price an ample supply of clothing for the winter. All or nearly all this, has fallen or will fall into our hands. Nearly two hundred heavily laden wagons are already in our possession, together with a large quantity of ammunition and arms—a thousand horses, tents, camp equipage, &c., and between eighteen hundred and two thousand recruits have been taken prisoners.

Major Hubbard, of the First Missouri Cavalry, has captured over sixty rebel recruits within the past few days, killed several others, taken a considerable number of tents, several wagons, a quantity of baggage and arms, and burned a mill which had been supplying the rebels for some time past. Altogether the rebellion has received a terrible shock in this section of the country within the present week. It is thought by many that Price will cross the Osage to assist his Generals, Stein and Slack, who are now in the river counties with 4,000 or 5,000 men, to escort recruits and supplies to their main camp at Osceola. If he does he will be compelled to stand a general engagement, in which event there is no question whatever but that he will be badly defeated and his army entirely scattered.

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

burned, and one of their steamers disabled. In Fort Pickens not a sand bag was displaced. One gun only lost one man killed and seven wounded. The Niagara and Richmond participated in the engagement, and the latter was somewhat injured.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. SENATE.

Mr. TRUMBULL presented a petition for the emancipation of the slaves of rebels, if necessary to save the Union. Also, several petitions for an armory at Rock Island. Also, a petition asking for the removal of Jesse D. Bright from the Senate.

Mr. WILSON presented a petition for the establishment of a system to exchange prisoners. Also, a report from the Military Committee and a joint resolution expressing recognition of the gallantry of Gen. Lyon and the soldiers under his command at Springfield.

Mr. POMEROY made a few remarks in eulogy of the character of Gen. Lyon, with a sketch of the battle of Springfield, where the warrior of this war ended his gallant and well-spent life, and with a tribute to the gallantry and harmony of the soldiers.

Mr. DIXON also spoke of the true worth, gallantry and devotion to the country which characterized Gen. Lyon. Had Gen. Lyon lived, he thought the disaster in Missouri would not have occurred.

Mr. FOSTER said he was an intimate friend of Gen. Lyon. Some of the last letters Gen. Lyon wrote were written to him. Connecticut mourns him as a gallant and true son and the nation mourns him as a patriot and a hero. The resolution was passed.

Mr. SUMNER reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, the House bill for the relief of the owners of the British ship Perthshire. Laid on the table.

Mr. TRUMBULL reported back from the Committee on the Judiciary, the bill to abolish the United States Supreme Court, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject, whereupon the Committee was discharged.

Mr. HALE said, with all due deference, that he thought the Committee had not acted up to their duty.

Mr. HARRIS reported a bill to prohibit the sale of liquors to soldiers in the District of Columbia. The bill is an amendment to a former bill and prohibits not only the sale of liquors to the soldiers, but the drinking of it on the premises. The penalty is a fine and imprisonment and revocation of license.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill providing for the organization of the staff attached to divisions of the army and volunteers.

Mr. SALSBURY'S resolution calling on the Secretary of War for a copy of the proclamation by Gen. Phelps, and by what authority it was made, was taken up.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to amend the resolution so as to include the proclamation of all other generals.

Mr. WILSON thought there was no necessity of sending for the proclamations. Generals were appointed to use the sword and not the pen. If they could not use the sword better than the pen they should be mustered out of the service. The best thing to do was to make a statute that no generals be allowed to make any proclamations.

Mr. SALSBURY wanted a disavowal from the Administration that no authority had been given for such a proclamation.

Mr. RICE said that if subordinate officers had not carried out the wishes of the President it was his duty to correct the wrong. He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. WILLEY resumed his remarks on his resolution offered yesterday. He continued his argument against the doctrine of secession, and referred to the declarations of the leaders of the rebellion as showing an intention to overthrow Republican institutions and establish a monarchy or despotism. He declared that the people had nothing to do with seceding the States from the Union. Virginia was taken out of the Union by a secret conspiracy.

The resolution was laid on the table for the present.

Executive Session. Adjourned till Monday.

THE EMANCIPATION POLICY.—The Louisville Democrat thus comments upon the effects of adopting an emancipation policy: We speak it plainly; the scheme for general emancipation or arming the blacks will lose every slave State to the Union. It would take a standing army of 200,000 men to retain Kentucky in the Union, and then the soldiers would be compelled to aid in exterminating the black race. If they are emancipated, there is but one thing to be done with them; they must be wiped out—utterly obliterated. It must be a merciless, savage extermination of the whole tribe. There will be no question of humanity, or justice, or mercy. It will be nature's first law—self defence. The two races, as has been amply shown by the whole history of the world from the days of the Egyptian to our own times, cannot exist in the same country, unless the black race is in slavery. It is no question for theory, argument or discussion. It is a direct law of God, final and conclusive. The President himself, a Kentuckian, knows and appreciates the condition of affairs, and will act for the best, and it ought to be the duty of the State Legislature to aid him by expression of condemnation of the Cameron policy.

What's THE MATTER?—Recantation.—James Redpath, formerly the Kansas correspondent of the Tribune, and a man known as belonging to the most progressive school of Abolition philosophers—a man who has been charged with having done as much as almost any other to foment discord between different States of the Union—now comes out in a public acknowledgement of past errors, repudiating the mischievous doctrines disseminated in former days, and announces his retirement as a political editor until such time as he shall have "attained a clearer and more human and Christian view of the duties of the freeman to the enslaved."

Here is Mr. Redpath's card, published in the Pine and Palm, a newspaper devoted to the promotion of Haytian colonization. "A PREPARATORY WORD.—Having become sincerely convinced that many of the political doctrines that I have advocated in my writings are dangerous and abortive to the higher insight; the murderous policy for example, of in-

citely the slaves to insurrection;—which I have urged repeatedly and with terribly mistaken zeal—I wish to announce here that I shall retire from any participation in the political management of this journal, excepting for the purpose of retracting past errors, until such time as I feel that I have attained a clearer and more human and Christian view of the duties of the freeman to the enslaved.

"I shall confine myself exclusively to the editing of the outside pages of the paper. The name of the acting editor will be duly announced. The articles signed with an asterisk (\*) were mine; of these I will retract many; my associates who indicate their respective writings by the initials T. and by the marks †, ‡, §, are alone responsible for their thoughts thus labelled. I repudiate my war doctrines utterly and forever.

JAMES REDPATH. This frank acknowledgement is certainly very noble in Mr. Redpath, and if it is presage of a general conversion from the Abolition ranks there is more hope for the country.

Under democratic administrations the idea of a national debt gave all the opposition papers the choice; now while Secretary Chase says that, on the 1st July 1863, if the war continues, "we shall have a national debt of nine hundred millions of dollars;" they protest that they are "not in the least dismayed at the announcement." We presume this is upon the supposition that the Democrats will directly after come into power, and be obliged to devise ways and means to pay the debt.—That is the result of the cry—retrenchment, reform, peace. Columbia Democrat.

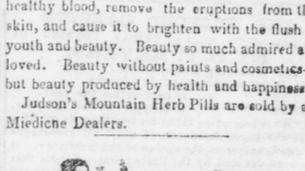
The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin favors Cameron's amalgamation of "niggers" and "white men," in the army; but thinks it would be a great mistake to amalgamate the volunteers and regulars, all white, now composing the federal forces. Beautiful consistency!—Columbia Democrat.

AN AMATEUR WARRIOR.—By reference to a letter from one of our correspondents, it will be observed that Hon. H. D. Foster of this place, paid the 11th Reg't a visit, and while there, the Regiment received orders to advance. The General, desirous of accompanying them, was furnished with a revolver, and marched seven miles on foot, with the rest of the soldiers. "Seesh!" not being about, they returned to camp sadly disappointed at having a "scrimmage" with the "F. F. V's." "Surely, had some of the 'F. F. V.'s' come in contact with them, the revolver would certainly have done its share—you can bet high on that. Bully for the General!"—Pennsylvania Argus.

THE TABLES TURNING.—We learn that a number of noisy Republicans who indulged pretty freely in denouncing Democrats as being "secessionist" and "traitors" have been arrested in Montgomery County, and bound over for trial at Court. There was some talk of serving a few of the most conspicuous slanderers and liars of their neighbors in this county in the same way. It might have had a good effect a few months ago; but now nobody heeds these partisan howlers. Popular sentiment in this region is regaining its healthy tone, and those who would stir up discord and party brawls, riot and mob-law against Democrats, for holding political opinions adverse to their own, can find few to listen to them and none to follow their advice.—Reading Gazette.

A THING OF BEAUTY, IS A JOY FOREVER.—Who can be beautiful with a sickly pale complexion. Keep the pores of the skin free and the blood pure, and your cheeks will vie with the Rose and Lily. The Skin is formed with thousand of pores in every inch of surface whose office it is to carry off the impurities of the blood—the acknowledged cause of all diseases of mankind—when it is dry and parched—when it is covered with eruptions—when it is cold and clammy—when there is inward fever or inflammation—it is impossible for the skin under these circumstances to perform its proper functions, and to carry off the impurities from the body designed by our Creator.

JUDSON'S MOUNTAIN HERB PILLS remove these obstructions, and produce free and healthy blood, remove the eruptions from the skin, and cause it to brighten with the flush of youth and beauty. Beauty so much admired and loved. Beauty without paints and cosmetics—but beauty produced by health and happiness. Judson's Mountain Herb Pills are sold by all Medicine Dealers.



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Parties wishing the prescription will please address EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburg, Kings County New York.

[3 months.]

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.

REED—FISHACK.—On the evening of the 17th December, in Woodbury, by Rev. D. Stock, Mr. N. P. Reed, to Miss Kate B. Fishack, both of Woodbury, Bedford county, Pa. [Hollidaysburg papers please copy.]

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

BARNET.—On the 24th inst., in South Woodbury tp., Mary M., daughter of D. and M. Barnett, aged 6 years, 11 months and 23 days.

BROWN.—On the 20th inst., in South Woodbury tp., Catharine A., daughter of J. S. and B. Brown, aged 14 years, 11 months and 28 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. NATHAN ROBISON, Administrator. Dec. 27, 1861.—6t.

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. JNO. P. REED, Sec'y. Dec. 24th]

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. Dec. 27th]