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H. C. KEAMER, S. BARNHART, J. M. SHOEMAKER, } Vig. Com.

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J. T. GEHART, I. D. EARNEST, Q. McGIRR, } Vig. Com.

Feb. 28, 1862.

The Present Dividing Line Between Political Parties.

Ever since the gloomy period when the baleful plant so successfully transferred from Exeter Hall to the congenial soil of New England, began to bear its first fruits in the unhappy controversy which resulted in the establishment of the Missouri Compromise, the people have been taught by their wisest and best statesmen to fear and abhor the abolition of negro slavery in the Southern States.

which side will the people stand at this late day? Will they decide for the Union and the toleration of negro slavery, or for Disunion and Abolitionism?

We publish in common with our contemporaries generally, as a matter of news, the message of the Rebel President.

There seems to be some concealment about our loss at the siege of Fort Donelson. The rebel loss in killed and wounded is put down at 1600. General McClelland's division of our army lost upwards of three hundred killed, about 1000 wounded and 150 missing.

There is some prospect of an overhauling of the Congressional apportionment made for this state last Winter. It turns out that Pennsylvania is entitled to 24 instead of 23 Representatives and, therefore, the log-rolling of the Republicans during last session, will be investigated, and we hope, corrected in accordance with the dictates of common decency and honesty.

Neither A. S. Johnston nor Bashrod Johnston were taken prisoners at Fort Donelson. It seems that Floyd and Pillow cut their way through our lines after a most desperate struggle. Gov. Harris, of Tennessee, has not ordered the Tennesseans (as reported) to lay down their arms.

The weather has been very variable, so far, during the present Winter. Snow, sleet, hail, rain, wind, sunshine (a very slight sprinkling of the last) seem continually to vie with each other for the mastery.

We have been neglectful in not referring to the original matter which for some weeks past has graced the first page of our paper. We have recently published a poem and romance from the pen of Dr. C. N. HICKOX, of this place, which have been admired very much by the readers of our paper.

Pennsylvania Dutch is becoming quite popular in our current literature. A poet of considerable merit (Rev. H. Harbaugh) has written several very fine poems in this devoted language. We observe, also, that the Local of the Harrisburg Patriot & Union, gets up some of his "items" in the peculiar vernacular.

BRIGHT AND WEIGHT.—Our ship having had an unusual quantity of m on his satanic stomach, becomes slightly melancholy, and, of course, poetical.

A wondrous thing—how shall I pen it? Has lately happened in the Senate. They've sent the Hoosiers back their Bright. To have his seat filled up aright.

The following letter from a genial old subscriber of ours, is a model worthy of imitation. It was labeled with great caution on the outside thus: "Open your eyes; Cautio within."

My DEAR SIR: Your appeal for money in the "Gazette," is conspicuous—not to be overlooked or neglected—especially when you attack your subscribers on a tender point, conscience.

DELINQUENT.

Congressional Apportionment.

Congress having passed an act which gives to this State an additional member of the House of Representatives, the duty of re-arranging the districts will devolve upon the Legislature at the present session.

The amendment of Mr. Cessna indicates the proper course for the Legislature to pursue. The apportionment of last year was premature, and is vitiated such a disgraceful gerrymander of the State that no amount of tinkering can put it into a decent or respectable shape.

twenty-three members of Congress—the number to which it was then supposed the State was entitled—was 126,363. One district contains a population of 158,281—exceeding the required ratio by 31,918; while another district has a population of but 101,427—or 24,936 less than the ratio.

The Legislature cannot carve out an additional district without commencing de novo and making another apportionment. Nothing can remedy the radical injustice and inequality of the act as it stands, but an entire re-arrangement of the districts, and we trust that the House of Representatives will not permit this occasion to pass without tearing to pieces the abominable work of the last Legislature.

The Treasury Note Bill.

The United States note bill has received the President's signature, and become a law. The most important of the Senate's amendments, that making the interest on all the obligations of the United States payable in coin, is a part of the bill as it finally passed.

It will be seen that the new currency has some advantages over the notes of the suspended banks so long as the suspension of specie payments continues. They can be used for the payment of taxes, for which bank notes cannot, and they will legally discharge all private debts.

The Governor of Georgia calls also for twelve regiments from that State, and says if the requisition is not filed by the 4th of March a draft will be ordered.

A company near Kingston, Boston county, is preparing to turn out one thousand pounds of saltpetre from a saltpetre cave in that vicinity.

The peach and plum trees in Rome, Georgia, are blooming, and the wheat crop is promising and almost too forward.

Cotton cards are being manufactured in Dawson, Georgia.

Jeff. Davis's Message.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States.

In obedience to the Constitutional provision requiring the President from time to time to give to Congress information of the state of the Confederacy, and recommend for their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient, I have to communicate that since the message at the last session of the Provisional Congress, events have demonstrated that the Government had attempted more than it had power successfully to achieve.

The valor and devotion of the people have not only sustained the efforts of the Government, but have gone far to support its deficiencies. The active state of military preparations among the nations of Europe in April last, the date when our agents first went abroad, interposed unavoidable delays in the procurement of arms, and the want of a navy has greatly impeded our efforts to import military supplies of all sorts.

I have hoped for several days to receive the official reports in relation to our discomfiture at Roanoke Island and the fall of Fort Donelson. They have not yet reached me, and I am therefore unable to communicate to you such information of past events, and consequences resulting from them, as would enable me to make recommendations founded upon the changed condition which they have produced.

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The reports of the Secretaries of War and Navy will exhibit the mass of resources for the conduct of the war, which we have been enabled to accumulate, notwithstanding the very serious difficulties against which we have contended.

They may in general terms be stated at four hundred regiments of infantry, with proportionate forces of cavalry and artillery, the details of which will be shown by the report of the Secretary of War.

The people of the Confederate States being principally engaged in agricultural pursuits, were unprovided at the commencement of hostilities, with ships, ship yards, materials for ship building or skilled mechanics and seamen, in sufficient numbers to make the prompt creation of a navy a practical task, even if the required appropriations had been made for the purpose.

The financial system devised by the wisdom of your predecessors has proved adequate to supplying all the wants of the Government, notwithstanding the unexpected and very large increase of expenditure, resulting from a great augmentation in the necessary means of defence.

The report of the Postmaster-General will show the condition of that department to be steadily improving, its revenue increasing, and already affording assurances that it will be self-sustained at the date required by the Constitution, while affording ample facilities for the people.

In the Department of Justice, which includes the Patent Office and Public Printing, some legislative provisions will be required, which will be specifically stated in the report of the head of that department.

I refer you to my message, communicated to the Provisional Congress in November last, for such further information touching the condition of public affairs as it might be useful to lay before you, the short interval which has elapsed since not having produced any material changes in that condition other than those to which reference has already been made.

In conclusion, I cordially welcome the representatives who, recently chosen by the people, are fully imbued with their views and feelings, and can so ably devise means to the needful provisions for the public service.

We respect and venerate the pulpit and the true minister of God within their proper sphere. But history and our own experience prove to us that these are not always consecrated to the duties and service of that sphere.

No one remedy is more needed in this country than a reliable Alternative, but the sick have been so outrageously cheated by the worthless preparations of Sarsaparilla abroad that they are disgusted even with the name.

The Blessings they have lost.

A lady arrived in this city from Richmond, a few days since, says that outwardly the feelings of the North appeared to be general, and the declaration that they would never submit was frequently heard.

That the American people are appreciative of any substantial service rendered them, is seen in the result of Dr. Ayer's enterprise. It was something of a venture for a chemist of his splendid reputation among the literati of the world, to risk it in the production of Cough Drops and Pills.

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New Advertisements.

PUBLIC SALE OF COAL LAND.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, there will be exposed to public sale, at the public house of James S. Beckwith, at Hopewell, in said county, on Wednesday, April 9, 1862,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the interest of James A. Cunningham, deceased, being the one-half in the following described tract of COAL LAND, situated in Broad Top township, in said county, containing 206 acres and 76 perches, adjoining lands of Abner Horton, William Anderson, A. J. Duval, Thomas J. Horton, and Isaac Barnett.

Terms will be made known on day of sale. JOHN M. STEVENS, JOSEPH M. CUNNINGHAM, Administrators.

Public Sale OF DANIEL SLEIGHTER'S REAL ESTATE IN MONROE TOWNSHIP.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, the undersigned will offer for sale on the premises, in Monroe township, on Saturday, 23rd March, next,

the following described Real Estate, to wit: The real estate of which the said Daniel Sleighter died seized, containing 21/2 acres near measure, adjoining lands of Jeremiah Shaw, John Meekins, Jonas Williams' heirs, William Clark, Daniel Sleighter, and others.

Terms—One-third at confirmation of sale, and balance in two equal yearly payments without interest. SOLOMON FEIGHT, NICHOLAS SLEIGHTER, Adm'rs. of Daniel Sleighter, dec'd.

NOTICE.—Having purchased at Sheriff's sales the following property, to wit: One Dun Horse, one dun mare, 4 bay horses, 1 grey horse, 1 black mare, 1 bay mare, 1 roan horse, 1 sorrel mare, 1 black mare, 1 brown horse, 2 bay mares, 1 spotted mare, 1 brown mare, 3 sorrel horses, 1 roan mare, 1 bob tail bay horse—25 sets of stage harness, halters, &c.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, to report a distribution of the moneys in the hands of O. E. Shannon, Esq., administrator of the estate of Daniel Means, late of Monroe township, dec'd., to and amongst his creditors, and others, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, in the borough of Bedford, on Wednesday the 12th day of March, inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, when and where all parties interested can attend.

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