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General Sikes on the Congressional Plan of Reconstruction. There has been no clearer or more triumphant vindication both of the policy and constitutionality of military reconstruction under the laws of Congress, than that furnished by General Sikes in his admirable speech in Washington, night before last.

It is not necessary to more than allude to General Sikes' line of argument in vindicating the constitutionality of the military governments in the late Rebel States. He takes the strong and safe ground that the authority of Congress to provide for the security of persons and property in conquered territory until legal civil governments could be established, is distinctly recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States in a familiar case reported in the twentieth volume of Howard, in the New Mexico case.

This is the safe, common sense view of a lawyer who appeals to the law as declared by the Supreme Court. There are other and independent grounds upon which he might have vindicated the action of the Government, but this was sufficient.

Our Welcome to a Hero. The Councils of Philadelphia, with a rare unanimity, have extended the freedom and hospitalities of our city to General Philip H. Sheridan. In accordance with their invitation, that distinguished officer will visit us this afternoon, and all the people of our great municipality will go out to meet and welcome him.

The Senate and Democratic Office-holders. The New York World insists upon holding the Republican party responsible for the rascalities and frauds of Democratic Federal office-holders, because the Senate, which is a Republican body, confirmed them.

General Lyle's Speech—A True Copy. The Democratic politicians are fearful lest General Lyle's speech, which he made before the Convention that nominated him for Sheriff, will injure him and their ticket, and therefore deny the correctness of the report of it as published in the city papers.

Such was General Lyle's speech. Its malignity and injustice are only equalled by the ridiculous character of its assertions and the speaker's evident vanity. The average Republican majority was over 4000, and this General Lyle asserts was the result of "cheating," although he knows that his own party had election officers at every poll, and knows that he himself was invited to be present, and was represented by a friend, at the general counting off.

But perhaps the most noticeable points in Peter's outburst of unaccustomed eloquence and unexpected vanity, in the shape of his remarkable speech, are its impolicy and its evident ingratitude. Its ingratitude consists in its stigmatizing as "rascals" a party of men some fifteen hundred or more of whom voted for him last year, and its impolicy is seen in its abuse of those from whom he must receive several thousand votes, or be defeated this year.

Moreover, a few weeks only had elapsed before our community was visited by another disaster of a similar character, although not so terrible in its proportions. If the first warning had been heeded, there would have been no second warning; and even the former might have been averted, if previous disasters of the same kind had taught wisdom and human sympathy to our rulers.

General Lyle's speech is a noble example of the rapid strides which some of our Western States are making in the cause of education. From present indications, the number of students in all its departments for the current college year will be as high as one thousand three hundred. When it is remembered that the standard of scholarship in this institution compares favorably with that of our best Eastern colleges, such a measure of popularity as is chronicled in these figures is truly remarkable.

AMUSEMENTS. (For additional Amusements see Third Page.) K O P T A C O N C E R T. MUSICAL FUND HALL. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1867. PROGRAMME. PART I.

RECEPTION OF SHERIDAN. COUNCIL CHAMBER. Philadelphia, Sept 25, 1867. Orders. The undersigned having been appointed Chief Marshal of the Parade on the occasion of the reception of Major General Phil. H. Sheridan, U. S. A., BY THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ON THIS DAY,

RECEPTION OF SHERIDAN. UNION LEAGUE. The members of the UNION LEAGUE are requested to meet at the UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, BROAD STREET, THIS, WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON, AT 5 O'CLOCK.

RECEPTION OF SHERIDAN. UNION LEAGUE. MEMBERS OF SELECT AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA will meet in their respective Chambers on WEDNESDAY, September 25, 1867, at 4 1/2 P. M., to take part in the reception of Major-General Sheridan, also, on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, at 12 1/2 P. M., to tender the hospitalities of the city to General Sheridan.

RECEPTION OF SHERIDAN. UNION LEAGUE. POLITICAL UNION. REPUBLICAN TICKET. JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT, HON. HENRY W. WILLIAMS. ASSOCIATE JUDGE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, HON. M. RUSSELL THAYER. COUNTY OFFICERS. SHERIFF, JOSEPH M. COWELL. REGISTER OF WILLS, WILLIAM Y. CAMPBELL. CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT, RICHARD M. BATTURS. CITY OFFICERS. CITY TREASURER, DAVID JONES. CITY COMMISSIONER, BENJAMIN F. URWILER. SENATE—THIRD DISTRICT, JOSEPH A. BONHAM. ASSEMBLY.

RECEPTION OF SHERIDAN. UNION LEAGUE. PUBLIC MEETINGS. At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Union League on the 18th, it was Resolved, That Public Meetings of the citizens of Philadelphia be called for SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, AND SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5. The meetings to be held on BROAD STREET, in front of the LEAGUE HOUSE.

RECEPTION OF SHERIDAN. UNION LEAGUE. REPUBLICAN INVINCIBLES! ATTENTION! Philadelphia, Sept. 25, 1867. All members of the Club are requested to assemble at the UNION CLUB ROOMS, 1109 Chestnut street, THIS 5 O'CLOCK P. M., SHARP, to participate in the reception of Major General SHERIDAN. Dress—Dark clothes and Uniform Cap. By order of the Executive Committee, WM. McMICHAEL, President. GEO. TRUMAN, Jr., Marshal. WM. L. FOX, Secretary. W. HARRY MILLER, J. H. LUKINS, J. COLLIER, J. PROVIDENCE, J. W. W. B. VAN, HENRY BAIN, Assistant Marshals.

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