



ALTOONA, PA.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 1862.

Has the Soldier a Right to Vote?

One of two of the world-beaters of the Democratic party in Hollidaysburg, (but who, we fancy, are by this time aware that they do not occupy the coveted position they claim, and who we predict will be severely handled by the masses of that party should ever occasion occur), have been loudly proclaiming against the right of a soldier to vote, within the past few days. They base their opinion on a decision of the Supreme Court relating to County Officers. We have not read it, but are informed it does not go the length they claim. What the Supreme Court have to do with determining who is entitled to a seat in Congress or the State Legislature, these gentlemen may understand, but we do not. It is enough for us to know they favor the disfranchisement of the soldier. Practically it may not be a matter of much moment at this time, as it may not change the result. But we intend to keep a record of the course pursued by these office-seekers. When a decision of the Supreme Court is favorable to their views, they hoarsely clamor the law must be sustained. When they don't like it, they bid it defiance. In Gen. Jackson's time, the Supreme Court of the United States decided that a National Bank was unconstitutional. The Democratic party revolted against that decision; and Gen. Jackson himself asserted that he, as President, would not hold it so, even though the Supreme Court unanimously so decided. He vetoed the Charter for a National Bank on that ground, and was largely sustained by the people. The plain truth is simply this: these politicians are for sustaining decisions when they like them, and against them when they don't. The People will not consent to take away from the soldier, who, away from the comforts of home at a nominal compensation, is bravely battling for his country and her institutions, any privilege, which he would have if at home. The man who denies this right, because he fears his party candidate could not succeed without, will find Jordan a harder road to travel than poet ever sang of, or traveler ever found.

1879.

The flat of the People of Blair County has gone forth, and they have declared in favor of Louis W. Hall, for Senator, by a majority designated by the figures above—unprecedented and overwhelming. If it is swept away by the majorities of Cambria and Clearfield, as seems to be the case, still the vote of Col. Hall in his own home and County, is one he may well ever be proud of. It is a glorious refutation of the slanderous charges made against him. Elected or defeated, the people of our own "Little Blair" sustained him as no man was ever sustained before. Our appeal, made prior to the election, was not in vain, and we thank the people for it. The vote of Mr. Hall in this county, considering the fact that he ran as the regular nominee of one party organization, is unprecedented. About ELEVEN HUNDRED ahead of the Union State Ticket. If he is defeated, it is but a temporary defeat. The heart of the masses of this county is with him, and the time will come when they will demonstrate it still stronger than on the 14th, when they sent him to our sister counties of Clearfield and Cambria, with a majority of nearly seven hundred. Glorious "Little Blair" nobly did his best work. Long may she wave, the banner county of the State.

The vote for Mr. Hall in the army must be added to his majority in this county. We have not heard what that is.

A GRAND CONCERT IN AID OF A GOOD CAUSE. A grand vocal and instrumental concert in aid of the new Catholic Church now rapidly approaching completion on Claudia street, will be given at said building on Tuesday evening next, Oct. 28th, 1862, commencing at 7 o'clock. The best musical talent of the neighborhood will participate in the performance, and taken in connection with the rich tones of the new and superb organ which has just been introduced into the church, will form the most rare and complete musical treat that could well be conceived. The admission tickets have been placed at the low price of 25 cents, and will be offered for sale in due time. The edifice itself is indeed an ornament to our town, well worthy the visit of all lovers of the beautiful, and when completed and dedicated, as it will be in a couple of weeks, cannot be surpassed in design and construction by any church edifice in the interior of the State. We say to all, be sure to attend the concert.

A BOY HUNG IN SPOES.—A singular occurrence transpired in Philadelphia on Thursday, resulting in the death of a lad named Alburger, aged fourteen years. It appears that the deceased and a number of his companions were amusing themselves in a slaughter house belonging to Alburger's father by playing "John Brown," a dog belonging to the premises being used to persecute the victim. While thus engaged some of the boys playfully placed a strap, used as a rope, around the neck of young Alburger, and proceeded to draw him from the ground by the means of a crank, used to hang meat. By some unfortunate chance the strap tightened around his neck, while his feet did not touch the ground, and he was hung in earnest. His companions, becoming frightened, did not attempt to take or cut him down, but called for the inmates of the house, but before assistance reached him the unfortunate youth was dead.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE.—It is stated that large numbers of soldiers voted at the last election, whose names if counted in, may materially change the result of affairs. The Supreme Court decided against the constitutionality of the soldiers' vote some time ago, but the vote then was for county, not State officers.

BLAIR COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS.

OFFICIAL—1862.

Table of election returns for Blair County, 1862, listing candidates and their respective votes across various districts.

Majorities.

Table showing majorities for various offices: Auditor General, Surveyor General, Congress, Senator, Assembly, County Treasurer, Register & Recorder, County Commissioner, Director of the Poor, Auditor.

RELIEF MEETING.—Pursuant to announcement a meeting of the citizens of Altoona was held in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian church, on Monday evening, Oct. 20, 1862, to make arrangements to provide for the relief of the families of soldiers in our borough.

On motion, Rev. A. B. Clark was appointed President, and David Iross Secretary. On the President taking the chair he fully stated the object of the meeting.

On motion, the following resolution was then offered and adopted: Resolved, That a committee of three from each ward be appointed to visit the families and ascertain their wants, and solicit donations for their relief.

A Tribute of Respect.

CAMP ON MARYLAND HEIGHTS, Oct. 18, 1862. At a meeting of Company K, 125th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, held October 16, 1862, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Company has learned with deep regret, of the decease of our late comrade, Fred. C. Ward, Joshua Creton, S. C. McDermott and A. F. Boardman from wounds received at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, while nobly performing their duty as citizen soldiers; be it therefore Resolved, That although we deeply lament their loss as friends and soldiers, we feel proud to record that they met their fate nobly and manfully, while confronting the enemies of our now unhappy country; and we would pray for strength and in future to emulate their example.

Jury list—October Term, 1862.

Jury list for October Term, 1862, listing Grand Jurors and Traverser Jurors for the first week.

Our Army Correspondence.

Messrs Editors.—Having noticed for some time past that your correspondent "Keystone" has ceased his communications, I will undertake to give you a few items of news from the 10th army corps. For some time previous to the arrival of Gen. O. M. Mitchell everything wore a dull and spiritless appearance. No person seemed to exhibit any energy, except Gen. Hunter himself and by him only in regard to one thing and that was making the condition of the negroes better than that of the white soldiers under his command.

Trial List for October Term, 1862.

Trial list for October Term, 1862, listing names of individuals and their respective legal cases.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Those marked with * are newly elected members. First District—Philadelphia.—Jere, Nichols, N. Union; Jacob E. Ridgway, * N. Union, vice Parker, R. C. M. Donovan, Dem.; George Connell, N. U. (re-elected).

Indian Massacre—Just Retribution.

A gentleman of high respectability and peaceable temper, direct from St. Paul, Minn., above, this morning gave some harrowing details of the Indian atrocities in Upper Minnesota. The instances mentioned, he says, are not rumors or exaggerations, but facts as they are touched for. Whole families have been murdered in the most revolting manner, and the bodies remains heaped together in the houses. The women have been treated with the grossest indignities and then barbarously murdered. No mercy was spared by the ruffian band, but the revolting and atrocious cruelties were perpetrated by these "noble savages" on helpless and defenceless women.

RECAPITULATION.

Table showing recapitulation of votes for National Union, Democratic, and other parties across various districts.

News Items.

It is stated that at Vicksburg, Miss., at \$52 per bbl., and shoes at \$25 a pair. A mammoth ox, which stands as high, is on exhibition at the agricultural fair at Hartford, Conn. Great quantities of cotton continue to arrive in Memphis, and the prices in the markets are falling. Gov. Buckingham, of Connecticut, ordered a draft for eight hundred more men from the regiments now organized in the State.

THE MEAN-AND FIFTY IN NUMB.—The men-about fifty in number engaged in the act of raising the Blackfoot County, Indiana, are to be returned to the military camp at Indiana during the war. FLOUR AND WHEAT.—The Lynchburg, Va., market for wheat is going up in a high, is on exhibition at the agricultural fair at Hartford, Conn. GREAT QUANTITIES OF COTTON continue to arrive in Memphis, and the prices in the markets are falling. GOV. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, ordered a draft for eight hundred more men from the regiments now organized in the State.