

# THE WATCHMAN.



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## DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL  
ISAAC SLENKER,  
of Union county

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL  
JAMES P. BARR,  
of Alleghany county.

## COUNTY TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS,  
WM. F. REYNOLDS,  
of Bellefonte.

FOR ASSEMBLY,  
ROBERT F. BARRON.

FOR COMMISSIONER,  
WILLIAM FUREY.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
WILLIAM H. BLAIR.

FOR AUDITOR,  
WILLIAM J. KEALSH.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR,  
ALEXANDER KERR.

### Be Assessed.

We hope our Democratic friends will see that EVERY VOTER is assessed in due time. Examine the duplicate and see that the name of every DEMOCRATIC VOTER in your district is on it. Remember the same unscrupulous foe, that has battled against the principles of Democracy for years is to be met in a few weeks. Be ready friends to meet the enemies of our glorious, free institutions, in such a way as will do honor to American citizens fighting for the preservation of their dearest rights.

### TO WORK, DEMOCRATS.

We trust that from this time, every Democrat—every lover of the principles of Washington, Jefferson and Jackson, in Centre county will be at his post, fully prepared for the coming contest. The election is close at hand, and it is the DUTY of EVERY Democrat to be up and doing. Remember the past, when trusting to the justice of your cause, and the bright hopes that pointed ahead to an easy and brilliant triumph, you lay supinely upon your backs hugging the delusive phantom of hope until your enemy had bound you hand and foot. Remember the same sneaking, cowardly, midnight enemy that has ever sought to wrest from your grasp the liberties and enjoyments guaranteed by the Constitution of our country, is rallying its hopeless hordes to a final conflict. The time for action, vigorous, energetic and sustained action has arrived. Then to work! WORK! WORK!—Make up your minds to give one full day to your country and your party. Be at the polls early on the day of the election; beware of spurious and counterfeit tickets; accept tickets from none but true and tried Democrats; and sure success will be the reward of your spirit and caution. The approaching contest is one of momentous character—of vast importance. We have every thing to gain, and interests at stake upon which rests the salvation of our broken, bleeding country. Can a Democrat of "old Centre" be found at this crisis that will prove recreant to his duty, recreant to the glorious principles of our good old party, recreant to himself, his country and his God? We hope and pray not.

Poor Abram has had to "cave," the "pressure was rather strong for the old granny, Greely's "prayer of the twenty millions" is answered, and the "country saved"

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Lay back folks, rest easy for awhile, See Abram and his friends catch the Nigger.

### The Inconsistency of Republicanism.

In view of the great national peril that now besets us on every side, the Republican party have heretofore professed to be in favor of throwing away side issues and minor political differences, and of uniting with the Democracy in one grand organization to crush out treason in both sections of our country and to preserve, intact, the Constitution and Union as they were handed down to us by our fathers.

This resolution, had it been made in good faith and with an honest intention, was a very praiseworthy one, and would, no doubt, have been productive of much good to the country. But when we come to examine into the matter a little more closely, we begin to find an "Indian in the wood-pile" and to discover that this resolution was only intended to apply to those localities in which Republicanism is in the minority and where it is desirable to secure Democratic votes by specious reasoning and fair professions.

We have a fair exemplification of this fact in the late action of the Republican Congressional Convention which met at Williamsport, on Friday last, and at which the Hon. W. H. Armstrong was nominated for Congress. Notwithstanding the Democratic Convention, which met in Lock Haven a few days previously, adjourned without making any nomination, deeming it, as they said, "inexpedient," thereby giving the Republicans a fair chance to propose a basis for a union of both parties in support of some truly constitutional man, this party, which impudently arrogates to itself the honor of being the only UNION PARTY in the country, believing itself to be in a majority in the District, changes its tactics and suddenly advocates a strict adherence to party lines; and, in accordance with its new creed of duty, makes a regular party nomination and places before the people, as its candidate for Congress, one of the boldest, rankest and most outspoken Abolitionists in the country—a man who declares that "we have no Constitution now," and that "the Union must be restored over and not under the Constitution," which, he holds, has long since "exploded."

But we have neither time nor room to multiply words. What we wish to show is that the Republican party are insincere in their declarations of a willingness to unite with the Democracy on the basis of a "no party" movement. It is all a sham—mere "sound and fury, signifying nothing." Why if they were sincere, did they not offer to compromise with the Democracy when our Convention adjourned without making a nomination? Because they well know that this Congressional District is one of Armstrong's own making, patched up whilst he was in the Legislature, for his own future benefit, and believing Abolitionism to be the creed of a majority of the people, there would be no necessity for them to solicit Democratic votes. This is the true reason why they have made no attempt to get up a union movement in this District, and we hope the Democracy will bear this in mind in the future.

For our part, we are utterly opposed to any union with the Republicans, nor do we believe the Democratic party would permit itself to be sold in that way; and we merely recur to these facts to show the palpable baseness of this hypocritical, abolition fraternity. Had this been, indisputably, a Democratic District, they would even now, be on their knees praying for that which they have just cast aside as of no importance. But believing otherwise, and thinking they have the reins in their own hands and their heels on our necks, they snap their fingers in our faces and tell Democrats to go to Jerusalem.

Tax payers beware! Two years of Republican-abolition rule, has loaded the country down with a debt that will mortgage the bones of coming generations to pay the interest on it. Are you willing to pay them still longer? Contrast the condition of our country now, with what it was under a Democratic administration, and then answer.

Can any one tell us what benefit is to be derived from the election to office of the Abolition candidates on the "free nigger" ticket? "Nary one!"

At home at last—Sambo in Abram's bow

### A Retrospective Glance.

A year and a half ago, civil war began in the United States of America. Its professed object, as declared by a majority of the Representatives of the people, was the restoration of the Union. When the brave men of the North, believing the assertion under solemn oath of those then in power, sprang to the rescue, as they thought, of the Constitution and the Union as they were, the spirits, hellish in their nature, who were chiefly instrumental in bringing about civil war, were equally loud and vociferous in their boasts of "whipping the South, destroying slavery and restoring the Union." Loud and deep were the prayers of the anti-Slavery element of the North for the destruction of property in a negro, and earnest, labored and long were their sermons, delivered in holy places, denouncing the institution of Slavery as the sum of all villainy and a twin relic, with Mormonism, of barbarity, and endeavoring to teach and persuade Northerners that it was their highest duty, religiously and morally, to do all that within their power, within or without the pale of constitutional law, to abolish Slavery.

For twenty-five years the anti-Slaveryites have been preaching and teaching the "sin of Slavery," and denouncing and cursing the people of the South as Barbarians. Pulpits all over the North have been desecrated to such purposes. Teachers of Common Schools have so far forgotten themselves as to endeavor to instill into the minds of their pupils the idea that Slavery was "the sum of all villainies." At last was formed a powerful party in the North having anti-Slavery for its basis—its fundamental and only principle. As a consequence, and one predicted by Henry Clay, section became arrayed against section. Anti-Slavery and sectionalism triumphed, in the election of Mr. Lincoln, over Democracy and Nationalism, and, more direful than all in its circumstances and results. Civil War and debt and destruction of life and property have taken the place of National existence, harmony, peace, prosperity and protection of life, liberty and security of person. Some of the fairest portions of God's beautiful Earth are being devastated and ruined—our plains drenched with the blood and whitened with the bones of the fallen ones. Our placid rivers, destined by the Creator of all things for the benefit of man, are made red with the life blood of fathers, sons and brothers shed in an unholy strife. What a state of affairs—what a sickening picture of degradation and desolation for the Christian and moralist of after ages to contemplate, and what a sad commentary upon the present state of christianity and civilization in America! Historians will record, with horror and condemnation, the condition of affairs now here existing.

We have heard the wail of the widow and the cry of the orphan, lately made such by civil strife, mourning for lost ones who have sacrificed their lives under the wave of a flag, now the emblem, practically, only of "freedom." We have heard of towns shelled and burned, of cities leveled and leveled to their foundations, and of countries where the fruits of the Earth, the only recompense of the industrious laborer, were both wantonly and, in a military point of view, necessarily destroyed, and of valleys left in such a state of devastation and destruction that they cannot recover their former condition in a hundred years. We have heard also of persons, public and private, citizens and soldiers, being arrested without warrant, imprisoned in gloomy dungeons without trial and after months of confinement, released without any explanation as to wherefore they had been imprisoned nor why released, and all this done, too, by the mere dictum of men who are entirely without authority for any such purposes. Can any one tell why these things are so? Ask an anti-Slaveryite and he will tell you it was a necessity. True, it was a necessity in the estimation of the usurpers of absolute power, but there never yet was a tyrant nor a despot who did not oppress his people upon the plea of "necessity." Thank God! our Constitution knows no such necessity and we earnestly wish and believe that the authors of these "necessary" acts of a despotism worse than that of Russia may be severely punished. Certainly, the free men of America will not permit their rights and liberties to be invaded and trampled upon without an effort. Surely they have more regard for their own welfare and reverence for the memory of the departed forefathers

of the Republic and the Constitution bequeathed to us by them, than to allow such things to pass unheeded.

But beware, Freemen! The clank of the chains of despotism have already been heard and you know not how soon you may suffer by the strong hand of a tyrannous worse, to an American citizen, than death itself.

But what are all these things for? What fell spirit of destruction has seized upon the American mind, that would thus force it to destroy itself? Certainly, all good men—men who sincerely desire a Union of the States, know that we are rushing to destruction faster than did ever Greece or Rome, and that worse than all, we are falling upon our own sword!

Eighteen moons or more have filled and waned since civil war began. At the beginning it was asserted by the unholy rascals of the North who refused peaceful reconciliation upon any terms, that seventy-five thousand men would utterly annihilate rebellion in less than three months, and also accomplish their long cherished design—the abolition of Slavery. "Coming events," we think, did not "cast their shadows before" then, for instead of their predictions, proving true, they have been false in every particular. Thirteen hundred thousand men have been sent to the field of battle. A very large number of them have been killed or died of disease or wounds—battles have been fought and "glorious war" has been carried on in all its "circumstance and pomp." A debt has been created larger than any ever heard of outside of England, the interest of which cannot be paid by the whole revenue of the country. Still the whining, whimpering anti-Slaveryites of the North cry "carry on the war!" when well they know that Slavery cannot be abolished by any power on Earth save that of the States, acting voluntarily, where it exists, and that a union of the States can never be brought about by means of war. Stephen A. Douglas said that "war is disunion—war is eternal, final separation." And he was correct. There is less likelihood now of a union of the States than ever, and the longer the war lasts, the less becomes the probability of a future union.

Therefore, we say, let us arrange the matters in dispute upon paper, and not at the cannon's mouth.

Congress, at its recent session, passed bills which, in the aggregate appropriated out of the Treasury, reaches \$913,078,527.63. At the extra session last summer, Congress appropriated \$235,103,293.99. The total amount, therefore, for the two sessions reaches the enormous sum of ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT MILLIONS ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY-CENTS. Where is this money with the interest added annually, to come from?

Tell us, ye who can. And then we will point you to MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MORE that must be raised from the same source. What bright prospects loom up in the future, for the people of this country! What a glorious (?) "change" it was, that placed the Abolition party in power, and loaded us down with a debt that can never NEVER be paid. Had there not better be an other "change" made this fall? We think so.

### Lost, Strayed or Stolen!

The much talked of "back bone" said, to have been in the possession of "Old Abe" at the time of his election.

FIVE CENTS

### REWARD

and A COMMISSION TO FREE NIGGERS, will be given to any one returning the same or on furnishing any information in regard to its whereabouts.

P. S. The reward will be paid in United States postage stamps of the most approved style and "sticky" kind.

Gov. Curtin's last scare and Militia demonstration cost our State over FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. What think you of that, TAXPAYERS of Centre county? is "our Andy," the poor man's friend? is he and the party he represents fit to administer the government in the Keystone State at the present time?

The Indians continue to be very troublesome in the West, and forces have been sent against them.