

The Watchman.



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BELLEFONTE, PA. Friday Morning, Jan. 23, 1863.

The card of our young friend, Capt. Doras, will be found in another column.

It will be seen by reference to our business directory, that Capt. Brown, late editor of the Centre Democrat, has concluded to resume the practice of his profession.

Our thanks are due to his Excellency, Governor Curtin, for a pamphlet of his late annual message.

No news of importance from the army this week. It is rumored, however, that Gen. Burnside has again crossed the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg.

A bill was introduced by Burmah to Maryland in the abolition of slavery, which appropriates \$10,000,000 and Sen. Torrey's bill appropriates \$2,000,000 for a similar purpose in West Virginia.

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A certain military gentleman intimates his surprise at the publication of this issue in a word only by tyrants and slaves. The one, if it suits his royal pleasure, condescendingly grants it to his subject; the other brings supplicants for it from his master.

The small pox.—This much dreaded epidemic disease is spreading over the county with rapid and alarming strides.

We are glad to be able to state that, as yet, there have been no cases of it in Bellefonte but we do not know how soon it may be among us, and therefore, we feel it our duty to warn this community to be on their guard.

Head this line last.

Lincoln and Seward.

There is nothing which we deprecate more in the conduct of public journalists than the indiscriminate, wholesale abuse of public men, when they belong to the opposite political party.

We see marks of these two men in almost every act of government for the last two years. Previous to Lincoln's inauguration, but after it was generally known that Seward was to be his Premier, the future Secretary made a speech in the United States Senate, which was principally stolen from different numbers of the Liberator.

Lincoln and Seward, in the President's own language, "cannot escape history." Occupying the highest positions in the government in consequence of the temporary delusion and madness of a majority of the Northern people, the one being noted for his supidity, and the other for a high degree of yankiness, they have been making a history which in any way or kind would sink them to the depths of eternal infamy.

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The following is the form of a petition which we learn is being largely circulated over this State for signatures, and which will doubtless meet the approbation of men of all parties.

Thoughts on the Crisis.

So much has been said and written about the instrument which radical Republicans have got in Washington to work out their hellish schemes, commonly known as Abraham Lincoln, and labelled as President of the United States of America; and the recent elections have so effectually crushed to death the monster that sought to steal away our liberties, that we dislike to disturb the filthy carcass which yet remains unburied and pollutes the atmosphere of our Capital.

How zealously the fathers of the Republic labored to devise some means by which the election of Chief Magistrate would be given directly to the people, for, says one of them, "A President elected by a minority cannot enjoy the confidence necessary to the successful discharge of his duties."

Every Democrat who claims an honest pride that he is a member of that party, which for half a century has stood up for the rights of man, and guarded our Constitution against the attacks of the hydra-headed monster, which with as many names as heads has sought since its first existence to overthrow it.

In the olden time, when Heaven wished to punish a nation for pride or political sin, it was always accomplished through the inability of rulers, and from indications, we are led to think that there has been no deeper cause than that method.

Our guardians who dated the first years of their lives times when the land was shaken by three revolutions, who had seen the birth and unprecedented growth of this Republic, but whose wise opinions were severed and thrown aside as the croakings of "old fogies," had long foreseen the day when this nation would pass through its present fiery trial.

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