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**FREE SPEECH! A FREE PRESS!  
FREE WHITE MEN!!!**

**Tax-Payers of Pennsylvania Read and Reflect Before You Vote.**

### THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

REMEMBER that the Abolitionists and Black Republicans caused the terrible and bloody war in which we are now engaged, by John Brown's raid and interfering with the rights and property of the people of the South guaranteed them by the Constitution, and by refusing to adopt the "Crittenden Compromise," which would have been satisfactory to the people of the South, and to an immense majority of the people of the North, and would have settled our national difficulties.

REMEMBER that Lincoln and Curtis, the shoddy and horse and mule contractors' candidate for Governor, are not carrying on the war to restore "the Union as it was," but are perpetrating it to abolish slavery, free the negroes of the South, and turn them loose upon the North, to compete with white labor, or fill our county prisons with convicts and our poor houses with paupers.

REMEMBER that Curtis placed HALF A MILLION OF DOLLARS, which was appropriated by the Legislature to clothe and provide the Pennsylvania Volunteers, into the hands of his political friends, who furnished these gallant soldiers shoddy clothing, wooden soled shoes, rotten blankets and had provisions, for which critics three of them were indicted in the Courts at Pittsburg.

REMEMBER that the Pittsburg Dispatch, Pittsburg Gazette and Philadelphia Inquirer, leading Republican papers, have charged Curtis, and while charges have never been proved, with rank corruption and such disreputable conduct as should consign him to everlasting disgrace and obscurity, instead of re-electing him Governor of the great State of Pennsylvania.

REMEMBER that the Hon. S. A. Purvis, Curtis's Attorney General, resigned that office in consequence of these monstrous corruptions, and said in his letter of resignation, "That for reasons which appeal to my self respect, I cannot consent to continue any longer in connection with your administration."

REMEMBER that Curtis is now, and has been, for weeks past, traveling over the States begging for votes, and neglecting, in these momentous times, his official duties at Harrisburg, and is regularly drawing his pay of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS per annum from the hard earnings of the people, whilst his competitor, Judge Woodward, remains at home, attending to his duties as Judge of the Supreme Court.

REMEMBER that in carrying on this Abolition war, the National debt has already been run up to the enormous sum of TWO THOUSAND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, which is increasing at the rate of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY!!! And that a large portion of this daily expenditure is squandered in stealings and needless revolutions officers scattered over the whole country, and on paper Generals who are drawing their pay of SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM, and expending their time in overrunning Pennsylvania making political speeches for Curtis instead of being at their posts and aiding the gallant Rosecrans and Meade in fighting the battles of the Union!

REMEMBER that when Curtis canvassed this State for Governor, in 1860, he announced from every stump that he was opposed to the repeal of "a just law as that imposed upon the tonnage of the Penna. Railroad." Yet no sooner had he taken his seat and sworn before high Heaven to protect and defend the interests of the Commonwealth, than he approved a bill, passed by a Republican Senate and House of Representatives, which deprived the State of a just and equitable revenue to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars a year, and actually released the company from the payment of seven hundred thousand dollars already due the State.

REMEMBER that Curtis stumped the State for Follies, the only Know-Nothing Governor that was disgraced Pennsylvania, that he arose to his present position through the vile abuse and persecution of the very Foreign and Roman Catholic vote he is now courting, having become the Know-Nothing Secretary of State under Pollock, from whence he rose to be Governor.

REMEMBER that the Abolition party sought power, in 1860, under the cry of "reformations" and "reform." Since the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln the frauds and plunderings of the Abolitionists have been so great that many of their own partisans have been compelled to cry out "shame!" through the mismanagement and criminality of the wicked men at the head of the Government, the taxes have been increased almost beyond endurance, and the people can only save themselves from utter ruin by sweeping these miscreants from power at the ballot-box.

REMEMBER that Curtis slandered our German citizens when on the stump in 1854, where he said "A Dutchman is not like another person; he has two skulls, and in order to get an idea into his head, you must first smash one of his skulls!"

## DEMOCRATS, CONSERVATIVES, HONEST MEN OF ALL PARTIES,

will you in this state of the record, vote for Andrew G. Curtis, who is the embodiment of rank corruption and wanton extravagance, as shown by his own political partisans, or for

GEORGE W. WOODWARD,

The honest man, the friend of retrenchment and the reform of all corruptions and abuses, and who is unconditionally in favor of "The Union as it was, and the Constitution as it is," without Thaddeus Stevens's "God forbid it." Answer in thunder tones at the ballot-box on the 13th of October.—York Gazette.

Let every Democratic voter come to the polls on Tuesday, rain or shine, sick or well.

### LET FREEMEN REMEMBER.

That the country was warned for years that the triumph of the sectional, disunion, abolition party, would bring civil war and dissolve the Union.

Let them Remember that as soon as this abolition party came into power, the Union crumbled, and that while Democrats were in favor of the Crittenden Compromise, which the South proposed to accept, the abolitionists were opposed to it, and voted it down against the petitions, the protests and the votes of the Democratic party—thus throwing us into this stupendous civil war.

Let them Remember that the abolition designs of the party in power, were soon after developed, by trying to strike down the freedom of the press, of speech, and by the adoption of the universal emancipation and amalgamation policy.

Let them Remember that the party in power have plundered the Government of millions upon millions of dollars, have made an odious and oppressive system of taxation, have burdened us with a most stupendous national debt, have created scores of new offices for the benefit of their favored partisans, have quartered troops upon us without cause, and have shown the most astounding profligacy and extravagance to enrich their own partisans at the expense of the country.

Let them Remember that the party in power, after making the most solemn promises of free speech, and free press, and keeping the motto standing in their papers, have since shown their disregard of all pledges, by trying to destroy by mobs and brute force, these great rights of freemen.

Let them Remember that their promises to the poor man, like all the rest, were false and deceptive, as the poor man must now pay double prices for all he consumes, must compete with negro labor and be classed by this administration as a negro's equal, and not only that, but because he has not \$300, he is forced by bayonets away from his family into the army, while the rich do not feel the loss of the price which exceeds ten.

Let them remember that this is the old Know-Nothing party, with Curtis, a Know-Nothing, at its head, in favor of breaking down the sovereignty of the States and erecting a despotic form of government in which the wealthy and aristocratic shall have a monopoly and rank above the laborer, as in despotic countries in Europe. Can the poor man aid them by his vote to destroy his own liberty? If he does, he is not worthy to be a freeman, and will not be one long.

Let them remember that Andrew G. Curtis is not only a Know-Nothing, in favor of denying foreigners rights which he would give to negroes, but that he is reported as having once asserted that the Pennsylvania Dutch had "DOUBLE SKULLS."

Let them remember that he has favored the violations of the State and National Constitutions by arbitrary arrests, and has favored mobs, outrages and riotings by pardoning rioters and ruffians, after they were tried and convicted for outraging decency, law and humanity. This he did in the Oliver and Osterstock case at Easton, and yet he asks constitutional and law-abiding men to give him their votes! They will give him an invitation to leave Harrisburg.

Let Freemen Remember all these things when they go to vote on the 13th of October, and cast their ballots for Woodward and Lewis, men of character, who respect the law and obey the Constitution, who hold principles of equality between the rich and the poor, and who make no lying promises to the people as the abolition party have done. Let them remember that democratic principles do not change—that they have blessed the nation with peace, plenty and prosperity in the past and will do so hereafter.

Let them Remember that the gentlemen who compose our county ticket, Messrs. Alexander, Lipton, Gehart, Shannon, Conley, Foresman, Snyder and Adams, are all men of ability and good character, and will make capable and efficient officers. Be sure to have their names on your ticket with Woodward and Lewis, and then vote with a will. Remember these things and then vote the Democratic ticket from Governor down to Coroner.

## THE MAN—THE CANDIDATE.

Judge Porter in a recent public address, in "The Fall," at Honesdale, Wayne county, thus spoke of George W. Woodward:

"It seems peculiarly appropriate here in this native country, that I should say something of the candidate for Governor. You have known him best as a lawyer and I have known him best as a man of character, for his life has been an open book, as pure and spotless as when it received its first records in your boyish sports. I have often been struck with the purity of Judge Woodward's mind. Having known him for more than a score of years, off and on the bench, I can say, with scrupulous accuracy, that I have never heard from him one word which would not become the mouth of the most pure-minded and cultivated person—so far as he is elevated above that coarse vulgarity which these unfortunate times have carried into the high seats of power. Such a man is always firm and self-reliant. One who can walk out in the open light of heaven with the consciousness that he has intentionally done no man wrong, in thought or act, in private or public, is always a man of our age, and generally so exact proportion to the rectitude of his conduct. I have something to say of his intellectual qualifications. I recollect very well that when a student at college I went to hear him speak in the Convention to amend the Constitution of the State; and there I saw that pale and delicate looking, earnest young man, without the advantage of collegiate training, without art or artifice, without effort of manner or voice, but calmly, almost majestically, embracing the attention of the great lawyers, of that assembly, and enlightening them as much by the wisdom of his counsel as he attracted them by the purity of his diction. The subject was one of our Constitution law, and probably it was the only subject on which the youthful orator could have compelled the attention of such a body of men, for it is undoubtedly a branch of the law which his comprehensive grasp of thought and power of generalization best fit him to treat. Years I patient study have since given a larger knowledge and mature views, and his opinions have become an important part of our jurisprudence."

"Is it not singularly fortunate that in such a crisis of our affairs, when politicians in the South and politicians in the North seem to be contending with each other in the foolish ambition to discover who can do most towards distorting to pieces our great Constitution, that such a man should have been selected and made candidate against his own will, and compelled to relinquish the better office of Chief Justice which is waiting to receive him, and to stand forth the standard-bearer of his party in this dread hour of his country's peril? Surely such a standard was never committed to poorer hands. Read the noble words of Peter's 'An unbroken Union, an unbroken Constitution.' See how bravely he carries it! without ill-will to any, without a word of offence, without even an expression of scorn for those pensioned slanderers who shoot from secure hiding their venomous shafts. My fellow countrymen, let us hands and rally round this great leader and his great banner. Let him feel that good men who sometimes take little part in these contests, are every where coming to his support. Send there your legions from these beautiful hills. Let them pour down, as the sons of Pennsylvania recently poured down on the invaders who dared to place on this soil their treasonable flag, marking as you did the course of their flight with the monuments of their dead. The cause is substantially the same, though the remedy is peculiar—that of preserving our Constitutional freedom by every rational and constitutional means. Let us, with the true consistency of men who know they are right, present the same unbroken front to the conspirators of the South and the breakers of the Constitution at the North. If we are to fall—if this great fabric, founded during the course of many years, cemented by the blood of our fathers, and buttressed on all sides by their wisdom, is to be hewn down by the joint efforts of madmen on the one side and traitors on the other, then in defending it we shall at least have discharged the highest duty cast on a race of free men. If however, we succeed in sustaining against both classes of foes these great institutions, as I fully believe we shall, then indeed it will be an imperishable honor to have participated in a contest so noble, and have achieved a victory so glorious."

Every voter in Centre county, who is in favor of constitutional government, as our fathers ordained it, and the Union of the states as they have existed for sixty years past, on a perfect equality, conferring more blessings upon the people than any government upon the earth, will vote the Democratic ticket on the 13th of October.

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## For the Democratic Watchman.

Mr. Editor:—In the "Critical Press" of the 25th ult., I noticed an article under the heading "Are Copperheads Traitors?" which article we find that the author has resorted to some of the vilest falsehoods ever uttered by man. Such a villainous representation of any gathering of people, has never been expressed by a man of common sense, and the article proves him to be a servant of the devil, and he has at least one faithful servant. The writer says: "If anything was wanting to fasten indelibly upon Democrats, the stain of disloyalty, their bearing at that meeting was sufficient to close the evidence." Now, sir, we charge him, in plain English, for being a liar, in saying that a reasonable word was uttered by any of the speakers, although many of the Administrations infamously traitorous acts were condemned, yet not one word was spoken contrary to the Constitution we inherited from our beloved forefathers. We admit that the orations were in accordance with the other demonstrations of the day, for such Union and constitutional orations and demonstrations were never made by the Abolition scoundrels, as were made by the truly loyal people on that day. He blindly asks, "what man, then, who has his higher than human dignity, and whose every person present on that occasion, except a few that were too drunk to know themselves from a monkey, knows that no white flags were there, and this is sufficient evidence to us, that the 'spirits' had so charmed the writer that he saw something extending from his breeches, which unfortunately caused him to mistake it for a white flag. He further asks questions which are beneath the dignity of the great Democratic party; but for his satisfaction we will say, that enough of our rights have already been surrendered to Father Abraham, and his pockets are sufficiently large to hold all the greenbacks we can raise. Sir, without siding that notorious rebel, J. B. 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