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The Democratic Standing Committee

Will meet in the Arbitration Room of the Court House, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday evening, April 20, (to-morrow) to elect a delegate to the State Convention. W. F. REED, Chairman.

The War.

The main portion of General Sherman's army left Goldsboro' on April 10. On the 12th, last Wednesday, Sherman entered Smithfield, twenty-five miles northwest of Goldsboro'. No serious opposition was made to his advance. Johnston having retreated towards Raleigh. Sherman on last Wednesday sent a flag of truce to Johnston, proposing the same terms of surrender as those offered to General Lee. It is reported that Johnston has accepted these terms, and that arrangements were made for the general surrender of the army. Sherman's advance entered Raleigh on Thursday last.

General Sherman, whose expedition left Knoxville on March 10 advanced into North Carolina, and April 6 captured Salisbury. The Confederates did not make much opposition. Nineteen cannon, eleven hundred and sixty four prisoners, and a large amount of stores of all kinds were captured. Sherman burned what he could not carry away, and marched back to East Tennessee. On Sunday last he was at Lenoir, but forty miles from the borders of Tennessee.

There is not but one last Confederate force in the field, the army west of the Mississippi. It is reported that arrangements have been made for its surrender.

General Lee was in Richmond on Saturday last. It is reported that he felt the most poignant grief on hearing of President Lincoln's assassination, and refused himself to all visitors.

The Death of the President.

Elsewhere in to-day's paper will be found, in full, the particulars of the terrible tragedy enacted in Washington city on Friday night last. An event so startling has never, perhaps, occurred in the history of our country; and that it should have happened at a time when all were sanguine of a speedy peace, when every one felt thankful that there was a prospect of ending the work of murder and bloodshed, and when common sense seemed to have gained the ascendancy among those who controlled public affairs, is an additional weight to the afflictive visitation. The magnanimous course pursued by Mr. Lincoln, as Chief Magistrate, for a few days prior to his death, had gathered about him hosts of friends who now sincerely mourn his loss. The policy he seemed to have chosen in order to restore peace and harmony to our country, the spirit in which he seemed willing to treat with those he had heretofore battled with so much bitterness, and the efforts he seemed to be making to put an end to this horrible civil war, had raised him high in the estimation of many who, from the beginning of his administration, had been his bitterest opponents. To be smitten down at such a time just at the beginning of his good acts, when all were hopeful in the promise of the future, naturally casts a gloom over the whole country that will not readily depart.

Yet there is no cause for despair. He began the great work of conciliation; let his successor continue it, and all may yet be well.

What were the motives of the bloody drama that has hurried Mr. Lincoln into eternity, and Andrew Johnson into the presidential chair, it is almost useless to speculate upon. Each one has his own belief, and each one his own expectations. Partisan malice and sectional hatred may lay it at the door of the Southern people, yet that does not fasten the deed there. It is not to be presumed, after the experience of the past four years, that the people of the South are destitute of all sense. Why, then, should they attempt an act of the kind, when the removal of President Lincoln would put in his place a man with no feelings of charity towards them—one who, from the beginning of the war, has been their most implacable enemy, and from whose hands no deeds of magnanimity could be expected like those which characterized the last few days of the late President? It is folly to talk in such a way. Those who are so ready to fasten the crime upon others should be careful. Judicial authority may bring it home to themselves, and prove, as it has often proven heretofore, that love of money or political ambition is more persistent than personal revenge.

What effect the death of Mr. Lincoln will have upon the future of our country, none can now tell. If the scenes of bloodshed and carnage of the last four years are to be renewed; if the policy that has well nigh overturned our republican institutions is to be revived and followed up; if New England puritanism is to control in the future as it has in the past, and dictate what shall and what shall not be done, then, indeed, is the day of sorrow upon us. The past, God knows, has been black and bloody enough. Can the future be made worse? Time alone will answer. If the new President proves to be less of a statesman than the one lately deceased, Heaven help us as a people. His administration, until very recently, was full of evil; that the new one will be more so, we cannot, we dare not believe. Let us hope for the best, and pray that, in his own good time, God will bring us out of our troubles.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S body will arrive at Harrisburg this evening at 8.20, on its way to Springfield, Illinois.

A Malicious Imputation.

We see, in some quarters, a disposition to lay the blame of the awful murder of the President upon the shoulders of the Democratic party. It is true these insinuations are merely whispered about as yet, but they are none the less hurtful for all that. We deprecate very much these unfounded and unjust charges, because they are calculated to produce enmity and ill-feeling in the community. Besides, there is not the slightest foundation for such an absurd and wicked accusation, the truth of which would forever cover the names of over two millions of our citizens with damning infamy, and reflect eternal dishonor upon the American name.

President Lincoln to-day lies murdered by the hand of an assassin. Over this calamity the people mourn. Tolling bells and draped flags are evidence of their sorrow. There is no distinction of party at this sad time. Democrats as well as Republicans feel the loss inflicted upon them. They know it to be a solemn occasion, and realize that the country is passing through a fiery ordeal. Forgetting past differences, the democracy join in mourning for the Chief Magistrate, and, with much anxiety, try to catch a gleam of the future prospects of the country, so suddenly re-developed in gloom by the mournful death of Mr. Lincoln, which, though sad at any time, just at this crisis, is pregnant of evil to the country.

We enter into no fulsome laudations of Mr. Lincoln. Our opinion of his past course is well known; and it was only since the fall of Richmond and the surrender of General Lee that, in our opinion, he began to merit the confidence of the people. Since then, we think he had begun to have a higher appreciation of the vast responsibilities of his position, and was disposed to pursue a lenient and conciliatory policy toward the South. We think he was anxious to close up the war as speedily and as honorably as possible, and it is the probable frustration of this design in the hands of his successor that causes the Democratic party to sincerely lament his death. This is no time for crimination. The President is dead, and the grief of the people is sincere. Let that grief not be marred by malicious and unjust accusations of guiltless men.

Destitute Negro.

The National Freedman makes an appeal on behalf of the suffering negroes of the South, and cites the following paragraphs from various letters and reports as evidence of the sad condition to which thousands of negroes are reduced:

"I have now under my charge nearly eight hundred colored persons of both sexes and of all ages, most of them sick, and many of them destitute."—Inguetta's Report of Hospitals at New Orleans.

"There is extreme destitution."—Brigg's Report, Newbern, N. C.

"They have arrived on the coast after long and severe privations, weary, famished, sick, and almost naked. Seven hundred of these wretched people arrived at Beaufort Christmas night, in a state of misery which should have moved to pity a heart of stone; and these are the advance of a host no less destitute.

"The stores of the government already overtaxed to supply the large army, are not available to relieve their wants, and unless the charity of the North comes speedily to the rescue, they must die by the hundreds from exposure and disease."—Gen. Saxton's Circular, Beaufort, S. C.

"A more wretched looking company could not be pictured than these, with their plantations rags and bare feet. It was hard to stare at them, but we could not do better than to do so, with a word of hope, which was received with a poor grace by those to whom it came, unaccompanied by material aid. When one is hungry or naked a Bible or hymn-book does not seem to satisfy."—Miss Merce's Report, Fernandina, Fla.

"Our efforts to do anything for these people, as they gathered together in masses, for food, clothing, and shelter, were so small that they would help themselves, often failed; they had become a completely broken-down spirit, through suffering, that it was almost impossible to arouse them. The camp at Young's Point, during the summer of 1863, had been a vast charnel house—thousands of people had died, and were waiting to be buried the dead."—Colonel Eaton's Report, Tennessee.

"The increased suffering among the freedmen, resulting from the expeditions of General Sherman and others, have brought within our reach multitudes of wretched men, women, and children, whose needs must be met by large supplies, and by the most prompt and efficient conveyance."—Report of Executive Committee.

"Two thousand of them (freedmen) have arrived at Beaufort, and are camped in 'hog houses' in the woods in this vicinity. They can earn their own living on the plantations as soon as spring opens. Government gives them one ration per day for the present, but they are very desirous of receiving clothing, cooking utensils, every thing."—Rev. W. L. Lewis' Letter, Beaufort.

"We have been importuned by newly arrived contrabands for wearing apparel as well as food, until we have given everything we could spare, and have also purchased new for them; but the demand increases with every new arrival from Savannah. I have had two packages and one box from the North sent for them, which was immediately disposed of, that was only a drop in the bucket. They came to the ladies in 'd's big house,' and their cry is, 'Do, for God's sake, 'missis, gi me a warm coat, we can't stan' dia, we perish, we hunger, we lose about dis way an' dat, till we sick, and de col' wedder so hard we perish; we would ha' Yankses took we, no let me take anything, 'no jist what we hab on we, an' we had no place to go.'"—Mrs. Young's letter, Dayton Plantation.

"A compromise at last—The Democratic party has always contended for compromise as the basis of the settlement of our national troubles. The cry of our political opponents, on the other hand, has always been, 'No compromise with the traitors.' Gen. Lee, the mightiest of all 'traitors,' and Gen. Grant the representative of the Federal Government, have made a compromise, Grant proposing the terms and Lee accepting them. Had there been no such compromise, there would have been another bloody battle or perhaps a very desecrated tombstone of Lee would have been lost, many families old in mourning and the war no nearer an end than it is now, through this compromise. What hope has the old motto of the Jacobins, 'No compromise with Traitors'! Ah! its authors have had to swallow it at last.

Announcing News! Shooting and Death of President Lincoln!

Supposed to be the Murderer! Attempt to kill Secretary Seward! Immense Excitement! Andrew Johnson inaugurated President of the United States!

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1865. President Lincoln and his wife, together with other friends, this evening visited Ford's Theatre for the purpose of witnessing the performance of "Our American Cousin." It was announced in the papers that General Grant would also be present, but that gentleman instead took the late train of cars for New Jersey. The theatre was densely crowded, and everybody seemed delighted with the scene before them.

During the third act, and while there was a temporary pause for one of the actors to enter, the sharp report of a gun was heard, which merely attracted attention, but suggested nothing serious until a man rushed to the front of the President's box waving a long dagger in his right hand, and exclaiming "sic semper tyrannis!" and immediately leaped from the box, which was on the second tier, to the stage beneath, and ran across to the opposite side, thus making his escape amid the bewilderment of the audience from the rear of the theatre, and mounting a horse, fled.

The screams of Mrs. Lincoln first disclosed the fact to the audience that the President had been shot, when all present rose to their feet, rushed toward the stage, many exclaiming, "Hang him!" "Hang him!" "The excitement was one of the wildest termination of the theatrical performance. There was a rush towards the President's box, when cries were heard, "Stand back!" "Give him air!" "Has any one any stimulants?"

"On a hasty examination it was found that the President had been shot through the chest, above and back of the temporal bone, and that some of the brain was oozing out. He was removed to a private house opposite to the theatre, and the surgeon-general of the army and other surgeons were sent for to attend to his condition.

"On an examination of the private box, through which the shot had been fired, the cushioned rocking-chair on which the President had been sitting, also on the partition and floor. A common single-barrelled pocket-pistol was found on the carpet.

A military guard was placed in front of the private house to which the President had been conveyed.

An immense crowd gathered in front of it, all deeply anxious to learn the condition of the President. It had been previously announced that the wound was mortal, but all hoped otherwise.

The shock to the community was terrible. At midnight the Cabinet, with Messrs. Sumner, Chase, and Farnsworth, the Chief Justice, Governor Olesby, General Meigs, Colonel Hay, and a few personal friends, with Surgeon General Barnes and his medical associates, were around his bedside.

The entire city to-night presents a scene of wild excitement, accompanied by violent expressions of indignation, and the profane curses of many of the mob.

The military authorities have dispatched mounted patrols in every direction, in order, if possible, to arrest the assassin, while the Metropolitan Police are assiduously on the spot.

The attack both at the Theatre and at Secretary Seward's residence took place at about the same hour, (10 o'clock) thus showing a preconcerted plan to assassinate these gentlemen. Some evidences of the guilty party who attacked the President are in possession of the police.

Investigation strongly indicates J. Wilkes Booth as the assassin of the President. Whether it was the same, or a different party that attempted to murder Mr. Seward, remains in doubt. Chief Justice Carter is engaged in taking the evidence. Every exertion has been made to prevent the escape of the murderer. His horse has been found on the road, near Washington.

THE PRESIDENT IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AT MIDNIGHT.

The President was in a state of syncope, totally insensible, and lying on his back, his head oozing from the wound at the back of his head. The surgeons were exhausting every possible effort of medical skill, but all hope was gone.

The parting of his family with the dying President is too sad for description.

The President's family did not start to the theatre until fifteen minutes after eight o'clock. Speaker Colfax was at the White House at the time, and the President stated to him that he was going, although Mrs. Lincoln had not been well, because the papers had advertised that General Grant and they would be present, and as General Grant had just died, and he would not wish the audience to be disappointed. He went with apparent reluctance, and urged Mr. Colfax to go with him, but that gentleman had made other engagements, and with Mr. Ashmun, of Massachusetts, had gone good-by.

An immense crowd was gathered in front of the theatre, and a military guard was stationed there, many persons evidently supposing that he would be brought to his home.

WASHINGTON, April 15, 11 A. M.—At 22 minutes past 7 o'clock the President breathed his last, closing his eyes as if falling asleep, but his senses were so far from being in a state of perfect serenity. There were no indications of pain, and it was not known that he was dead until the gradually decreasing respiration ceased altogether.

The Rev. D. A. Gurley, of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, immediately on his being ascertained that the President had died, he had a bedside and offered an impressive prayer, which was responded to by the present.

Dr. Gurley then proceeded to the front parlor, where Mrs. Lincoln, Captain Robert Lincoln, Mr. John Hay, the private secretary, and others, were waiting, who he again offered prayer for the consolation of the family.

A special Cabinet meeting was called immediately after the President's death, by Secretary Stanton, and held in the room in which the corpse lay, Secretaries Stanton, Welles, and Usher, Postmaster-General Dennison, and Attorney-General Speed being present. The results of the conference are as yet unknown.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The President's body was removed from the private residence opposite Ford's Theatre to the Executive Mansion this morning at half past nine o'clock, in a hearse, and wrapped in a small guard of cavalry. General Augur and other military officers, following on foot.

A dense crowd accompanied the remains to the White House, where a military guard excluded the crowd, allowing none but persons of the household and personal friends of the deceased to enter the premises. Senator Yates and Representative Farnsworth being among the number admitted.

The body is being embalmed with a view to its removal to Illinois.

THE LATEST REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The President is lying in state at the White House. Names are allowed to approach, within two squares, except privileged persons.

The clerks at the National Hotel, where Booth boarded until he was taken to the two very suspicious persons called for him yesterday, and that in the evening they all suddenly disappeared.

The sentinel was placed in the passage way to the private box occupied by the President. Before the performance commenced, Booth passed this sentry, giving the name of some Governor. These facts are derived from an authentic source.

Among the circumstances tending to fix participation in the crime on Booth were letters found in his trunk, one of which, apparently from a lady, supplicated him to do as he thought best, and not to take any risk which he was about to embark, stating that the time was unpropitious, and the mind not yet ready to be sprung.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SECRETARY SEWARD.

When the excitement at the theatre was at its widest height, reports were circulating that Secretary Seward had also been assassinated. On reaching the gentlemanly residence of the Secretary, a military guard was found at the door, and on entering it was ascertained that the reports were based upon truth. Everybody there was so excited that scarcely an intelligible account could be gathered, but the facts are substantially as follows:

"Remember that not one cent of the expenses of this war has yet been paid; we have carried it on by simply issuing promissory obligations, that the Government has not provided for in crossing the expenses each year to more than the amount thus collected; and remember, too, that when we begin to pay, we can spend no more than our net income, and that every cent required for taxes is so much taken from production.

RELICS OF THE PAST.—All Boston is excited and wishing to see a stoneware block, which has been brought there from Charleston, S. C., and to hear speeches made thereon. It is suggested by a contemporary, that along side of this relic should be exhibited the pianos, costly by carpet, silver plate, communion service, jewelry, books, and a thousand other articles, the spoils of war, that have reached the city from that 'Gothic nest of treason.'

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MARRIAGE IN DIVORCE.—The commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of Centre county, greeting.

Whereas Jacob S. Ayl, on the 23 day of December, 1864, prior his petition to our said Judge of yet Court of Common Pleas for the County of Centre, praying [read] for the cause therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with his wife, M. A. W. We do therefore command you the said Jacob S. Ayl, being setting aside all other causes whatever, you to appear before your proper person before our Judges at Bellefonte, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the County of Centre the 7th day of April next, to answer the petition or fillet of the said Jacob S. Ayl, and to show cause, why he should be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, as he has prayed, and provided, And he doth fail so.

Witness the Honorable Samuel Linn, Esq., President of our said Court at Bellefonte, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1865.

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A DARK PICTURE.—The Philadelphia Inquirer (Republican Paper) the other day, in discussing the financial condition of our country, contained the following:—We invite special attention to the extract particularly of those who boast of the good times we are now enjoying. It only tains food for serious reflection, and coming from the source it does, it cannot be charged to partisan bias:

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LEGAL NOTICES.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.—Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed their petitions in the court of quarter sessions, and that their terms will make application for a license to sell liquor:

- A. Faulkner, tavern, Rush township, A. J. Miller, tavern, Rush township, Mrs. Sarah Corman, Pleasant Gap, Spring tp, James Ferry, Howard borough, J. B. Butts, tavern, Bellefonte, J. H. Galer, tavern, Philadelphia, Robert Loyd, tavern, Philadelphia, Philip M. Giesler, tavern, W. L. township, Daniel R. Boland, tavern, Mifflinburg, John G. Ussle, tavern, Snowshoe, Wm. L. Musser, tavern, Penn township, Margaret Wolf, tavern, Harris township, Martin Dolan, tavern, Best township, H. B. Musser, tavern, Harris township, Christena Hubler, tavern, Harris township, J. H. Tolbert, tavern, Walker township, T. M. Hall, tavern, Mifflinburg, Philip M. Giesler, tavern, W. L. township, John Spangler, tavern, Walker township, John H. Morrison, tavern, Walker township, Jacob Kaylor, tavern, Philadelphia, Mary H. Giesler, tavern, W. L. township, John Edgington, tavern, Snowshoe township, George Miller, tavern, Pottler township, A. Baum, wholesale-dealer, Bellefonte, J. B. Eitel, wholesale-dealer, Bellefonte, James Ferry, Howard borough, W. Riddies, tavern, Philadelphia, John Copenhaver, tavern Taylor township, Martin Murphy, tavern, Burnside township, R. D. Cunningham, tavern, Bellefonte, J. H. Lipton, Pruthonatory, March 31, 1865.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—I will hold at the Court House in the Borough of Bellefonte, on the fourth Monday of April next, at 10 o'clock A. M. the following message (element and tract of land, known as the Jesse Adams farm, and now the property of John Hancock, late of Perry township, and situated in Union township, bounded and described as follows: On the south by Elizabeth Fisher, on the west by Jacob Hower, on the north by Mathias's heirs, on the east by Ingham's heirs, containing 296 acres, with two dwelling houses, a good barn and other buildings thereon erected, fifty acres of which are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation. One half the purchase money to be paid on confirmation of the sale, the balance to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises.

MARY BROWN, T. M. HALL, Administrators. apr. 21-2.

COURT PROCLAMATION.—Whereas, the Honorable Samuel Linn, president judge of the court of common pleas in the 25th judicial district, consisting of the counties of Clearfield and Clinton, and the Honorable John S. Profford and Samuel Strohecker, esq., associate judges in Centre county, having issued their process, to be directed for holding a court of justice for the county of Centre, at Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and to commence on the fourth Monday of April, 1865, being the 24th day of the month, and to continue two weeks.

And whereas, the said process, given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, and Constables of the said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, with their records, inquisitors, and other officers of the court, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizance to prosecute against the persons that are so named in the said process, until they shall be just.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte the 4th day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and the eighth year of the independence of the United States of America.

SHERIFF'S