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Union State Convention.

A State Convention will be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday the seventh day of March, A. D. 1866, at 12 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor, to be supported by the friends of the Union.

The ordeal of war has tried the strength of our Government. Its fire has purified the nation. The defense of the nation's life has demonstrated who were its friends. The principles vindicated in the field must be preserved in the council of the nation. The arch enemy of freedom must be struck once more. All the friends of our Government, and all who were loyal to the cause of the Union, in our late struggle, are earnestly requested to unite in sending delegates to represent them in said Convention.

By order of the Union State Central Committee.

JOHN CESSNA, Chairman.
Attest:
Geo. W. HANVERSLEY, Secy.
A. W. BENEDICT,

ODELL's griefs are multiplying. His eyes are again becoming a fountain of tears owing to the waywardness of our Representative, his best beloved. That gentleman was wilfully and maliciously, and by the instigation of the devil, goes counter to the whims of Odell in the matter of the new Judicial District, and Odell waits on that. He has likewise, as Odell avers, and doubtless by the same instigation, followed out Odell's suggestion in the matter of the exemption of soldiers from the bounty tax, and Odell abhors him for that. It is difficult to satisfy Odell. The world sees him but ill — He doubtless many times amid its varied encounters prays for the wings of a dove, that he may fly away and be at rest. We have a high respect for Odell. We wish to relieve him from his encompassing woes, and tender him a handkerchief to dry up his tears. In the present matter of the trouble between Odell and Quay, Odell misunderstands Quay, and Quay misunderstands Odell. It is our grateful duty to right the wrong, and to make each of them to understand this misunderstanding, that they may rest again in that fraternal embrace which is their wont. In the Judicial District matter Odell was muddy in his view, over clear-headed. Odell announced his opposition with such a vent of inexplicable phrases and arguments, that our Representative became bewildered, and at the critical moment voted the wrong way, and the bill passed. We know Mr. Quay esteems Odell as highly as do we ourselves, which is muchly, and therefore that the evil is not beyond remedy. Let Odell set Quay right as to his wishes. Let him but intimate that he desires that Gilmore shall lord it again over dulled Washington, and he will doubtless find him compliant, and this most evil and obnoxious enactment will be repealed, and Odell may wipe one eye dry. In the matter of the exemption bill, our Representative behaved badly. We know that Odell displayed the slightest possible amount of meadacity concerning this matter last summer, but Quay forgot that. Odell forgot to mention that on the final passage of the bill of which he complained, the year were 29 Republicans and 21 Democrats, and the year were 22 Republicans and 9 Democrats, and that Quay was among the latter. He omitted to say that Mr. Negley, a Republican member, offered the following amendment: "That the property of all soldiers known as returned veterans, having been in the service two years or more, and the property of all soldiers now in the service, shall be exempt from all taxation for payment of bounties to volunteers," and that Quay voted for, while the Democrats voted unanimously against it. But Mr. Quay should have charged this to the treacherous memory of Odell, and not to a desire on his part to wilfully pervert the truth. Therefore Quay was wrong when he wilfully and maliciously, and by the instigation aforesaid, outran Odell's wishes in this regard. But he allowed his zeal to please Odell to outrun his respect for him when he obeyed his suggestion, and gratified his wishes three days before he published them. We were just going to telegraph Mr. Quay that Odell insisted the bill should pass, and it must therefore go through at once, when we learned that that perverse and unaccountable individual had passed it a day or two before. For this rashness and haste we apologize for Mr. Quay. Let Odell wipe his other eye. Therefore let our man of many griefs assuage his sorrows, for they were unintentional and unavoidable occasions; let our copper-headed friend of the soldier wait no day last.

longer, for the soldier is cared for, rashly and hastily perhaps, but wisely and well. We call Odell's attention to the fact that the exemption applies only to soldiers honorably discharged from the service.

THE BILL creating a new Judicial District, composed of the counties of Beaver and Washington, passed both Houses last week, and will doubtless be signed by the Governor. We favored the measure, and are glad of its passage. The question now is, who shall be the Judge of this District. — In this county the members of the bar have asked the appointment of Hon. B. B. Chamberlin, of New Brighton, a gentleman well known to all our readers. During the pendency of the question we were wholly in the dark as to who would be presented, but it was defeated by the Democrats, aided by a few Union members, who were influenced by local interests. We are glad he took advantage of his position as leader of the House to hasten the passage of the measure. There will be a suppressed howl among the Democrats. The Local attempt to conceal its rage by pretending to favor the bill. When we find the Local opposed to its friends, we conclude naturally what it professes is only for effect.

Congress. — In the Senate, on Saturday, bills were introduced and referred, forbidding any agent collecting a claim for bounty or pay of any soldier to charge a fee exceeding \$10, on penalty of fine and imprisonment; and to pay certain officers of colored troops, services under their appointment and muster-in. Mr. Sumner presented a petition from citizens of the District for equal laws. Mr. Doolittle presented the credentials of William Marvin, claiming to represent the State of Florida, and pronounced a eulogy upon him. Mr. Sumner replied by showing that Florida is still disloyal, and the credentials of Mr. Marvin were laid on the table. The bill to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau was debated by Messrs. Hendricks, Trumbull and Saulsbury. The amendment limiting the titles of the freedmen under Gen. Sherman's order for three years was adopted, and the Senate adjourned.

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No State Tax on Real Estate.

A resolution has been introduced into the Legislature at Harrisburg, to repeal or suspend the collection of the State tax on Real estate, which we are assured will pass both Houses and will become a law. It is gratifying to know the finances of the State will warrant this, and shows that the Union party is deserving of the support it has received, and worthy of the trust reposed by the people of Pennsylvania. We are further assured that notwithstanding the repeal of the three mill tax on Real Estate, the revenue will be sufficient to meet all the expenses of the State Government and leave a large balance every year to be applied to paying off State debt.

Corporations that have grown rich during the war have to pay the State tax, and certainly every tax payer will pay amply. We can now inform our neighbor up street, that the additional expense of a new District about which so much ado was made, does not effect our tax payers, but comes off corporations, that count their gains by thousands. Is our neighbor still oppressed in view of additional taxation? After all, are not the finances of the State better managed, and the people freer from the burdens of taxation for State purposes, and the revenue law as it will be amended the most equitable and wise ever devised? We would like our Democratic friends to be frank for once, and admit what they know to be true. In this State at least, Republican rule has been beneficial.

Governor CURTIN having returned, it is gratifying to learn that his health has marvelously improved by reason of his trip to Cuba, and it is regretted that the imperative demands of official duty have compelled him to return home before entirely recovering his health.

GUBERNATORIAL. — Hon. John Cessna carried a decided majority of the delegates, and of the popular vote in Bedford County for Governor, on Friday evening. The Newark *Advertiser* writes: I understand that the Emperor took the opportunity of a diplomatic dinner, given in honor of the King of Portugal, and at which Mr. Bigelow was present, to express his satisfaction at the message of President Johnson.

One gratifying feature of all the reconstruction plans proposed in Congress is that each provides for the liquidation of the rebel war debt, and the full payment of the debt incurred by the Government to put down rebellion. It seems to be the sense of all patriotic men that our national debt shall be paid, principal and interest, to the last farthing.

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The resolution offered by Col. Quay exempting the property of soldiers from taxation for bounty purposes, has passed the House, and will doubtless pass the Senate. It is eminently right and proper that such a law should be passed. The petitions of soldiers to the Legislature for its passage sets forth that in Democratic counties and districts the old law was rigidly adhered to, and no matter what the circumstances were no soldier was exempted unless coming fully within the act. It is in no wise soldiers object to paying a tax for bounties that protected young copperheads from having to do what their loyal associates did voluntarily. As we state elsewhere, Mr. Quay favored and voted for this bill last winter, but it was defeated by the Democrats, aided by a few Union members, who were influenced by local interests. We are glad he took advantage of his position as leader of the House to hasten the passage of the measure. There will be a suppressed howl among the Democrats. The Local attempt to conceal its rage by pretending to favor the bill. When we find the Local opposed to its friends, we conclude naturally what it professes is only for effect.

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From Washington.

Washington, Jan. 20.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial. — The Senate only was in session today an hour and half. Although there was full attendance, there did not seem to be any disposition to do business. The bill to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau has been nearly perfected, and a vote on the bill is expected on Monday. Gen. Howard was present on the floor, the Senate, and manifested considerable interest in the success of the measure.

The Senate passed the invalid pension appropriation bill, containing an appropriation of nineteen millions of dollars. The Senate added two millions and a half to the bill, and it therefore goes back to the House for approval.

The published statement to day that Mr. Raymond has entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the House passed the negro suffrage bill is without foundation, and besides, it is now too late for the bill having been sent to the Senate, and duly referred to the appropriate committee in that body.

Senator Howard will on Monday endeavor to vote his resolution declaring that the Government ought to furnish the negro suffrage bill to the Senate.

Colonel Osborne, of the Freedmen's Bureau in Florida, has just submitted a plan for colonizing the freedmen in that State. He suggests a purchase of land from the State by Congress equal to six hundred townships, in the office of the Milford Herald, the organ of the Pike county democracy. How he managed to escape contamination, or becoming it, managed to be regenerated, we do not know. But this is certain; a good thing did come out of Nansemond. He is a "genuine and 100% Pennsylvanian."

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