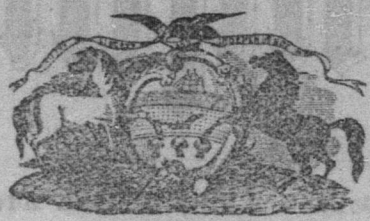


BEDFORD INQUIRER.



BEDFORD, Pa.
Friday Morning, Jan. 24, 1862.

"FEARLESS AND FREE."

D. OVER—Editor and Proprietor.

PRINTING OFFICE FOR SALE.

As the editor and proprietor of this paper is anxious to settle up his business, running over a period of twelve years, he will sell the presses, types, good will, &c., of the establishment, on reasonable terms.

MR. CESSNA'S CARD.

We publish in our advertising columns "A Card" from John Cessna, Esq., in which he attempts to justify his action in contesting and ousting Mr. Householder from the seat to which he was fairly elected.

The fact that Mr. Cessna states that he "of a friend to the friends of the late sitting member and to himself, that if he would aid in the passage of a law to separate the two counties in the future" he "would withdraw from the contest and permit him to occupy the place during the present session," and that Mr. Householder refused, gives us a higher opinion of the latter gentleman, and the people of Bedford County will sustain him in it.

Mr. C. The people of Bedford county believe the present law to be constitutional, and they would not have agreed with Mr. Householder had he accepted Mr. Cessna's proposition. In 1850 Cambria was attached to Bedford, but not yet being erected into a county.

Mr. Cessna was a candidate the following fall, had his tickets printed with the name of the Cambria Democratic candidate upon them, in both counties, they were voted so, and he elected in both. He was elected, and occupied his seat. It will not do for him now to say that he had then a majority in Bedford. If the district was unconstitutional he was not entitled to a seat, and he had better refund to the State the salary he received.

Granting for the argument's sake, the present District to be unconstitutional. Did Mr. Cessna act as a fair and candid man should in the last campaign? No. He then expected to have a clear majority in the District, and the contest for the seat was, no doubt, decided upon afterwards.

Mr. RHOADS, chairman of the select committee to try the contested election in the case of Cessna vs. Householder, submitted a majority report in favor of the contestant, Mr. Cessna.

Mr. STRANG, from the minority of the committee, submitted the following: To the Honorable, the Speaker and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

They, therefore, respectfully, ask leave to file each report, as they may conclude upon, as soon as the same can reasonably be prepared.

The manner in which the Legislature of Pennsylvania decides a contest for a seat in said body is by committee, drawn by lot—the action of the committee being final—the House not even having a vote on the subject. The committee to try the contested election between Messrs. Cessna and Householder, very unfortunately happened to be six Democrats, to three Republicans. The six Democrats, contrary to justice and precedent, decided that Cessna was entitled to the seat, whilst the three Republicans differed from them.

Does the action of one Legislature bind another? We contend that the present district of Bedford and Somerset is unconstitutional. Then what should be done? Why, just let the Republicans of the two counties go ahead and nominate candidates as heretofore, and return them, and it will be very queer if another Legislature can be found so ready to do a great act of injustice as the present one.

JOHN CESSNA, Esq. By the proceedings of the Legislature, which we publish to day, it will be seen that John Cessna, Esq., has succeeded in ousting from his seat George W. Householder, Esq. We have no hesitation in saying that this is one of the greatest outrages that has ever been perpetrated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

Death of an Old Citizen. Mr. NICHOLAS LYONS, an old and valued citizen of this place, died, on Tuesday morning last, after a brief illness. Mr. Lyons was the oldest merchant in town, and has been very extensively engaged in other pursuits.

Read the arguments of Ross Forward, Esq., on the contested seat of Mr. Householder, which we publish on the first page of this week's paper. They will convince every man that George W. Householder, Esq.—and not John Cessna, Esq., was entitled to the seat.

John Tyler, ex-President, and double traitor, died at Richmond on last Friday night. It is reported that the rebels have left Manassas for some point further South. The report needs confirmation.

LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIERS. HILTON HEAD, S. C. Jan. 2, 1862. Mr. — In the midst of the roar of cannon and the excitement of battle, I sit down to write to you.

got their fill of the yankees. The fight is represented as a desperate one. Our loss is eleven killed and six wounded. The place where they fought is at a landing that they had fortified, and so little did they expect an attack that they did not guard the place. Our troops are said to have acted very bravely, and did credit to themselves and our flag.

All our lamentation is that we can get no mail, tobacco nor money. If our families don't get relief I can't see what will be the result. New Year Day was pay day, but not a cent yet, and no sign of any. We can't get a stamp for love nor money, and we do not like to write to our families unless we can stamp our letters to our poor wives and children when we are sure they are not able to lift them.

H. BRIDENTHAL. "We are always pleased to find room for the letters of our soldiers, and especially those of our friend Bridenthal, all of which we have published. We are sorry that our soldiers do not get the papers, for we are sure we have sent quite a number to them every week."

CUMBERLAND, Jan 13th, 1862. Mr. Over, Dear Sir:—

Some time has elapsed since I last wrote to you. Since then we have had some gay times and some that were pretty rough. I'll try and give you a short sketch of them, but before telling you of our travels I must say something more about what occurred at Camp Curtin.

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Do they predicate the failure of our country on the mere fact that civil war exists? What nation in all history has been exempt from it? Is it peculiar to republics? Then, whence the civil war that from her earliest history until recent reigns, has time and again ravaged and scourged the British Empire?

Civil War indeed exists—a war on our part to put down an unnatural, ungrateful, aristocratic, hell-born rebellion. Long plotted, it has been hatched at last into wicked life, and seeks, with treachery, falsehood, theft, robbery, arson, and murder as its allies, to dissolve the blood-bought Union, our priceless heritage from our forefathers.

wonder, as it was 40 miles of a march. However we are all pretty well over the effects of it and feel "gay and happy" again. Our (that is Capt. Brisbin's) company are quartered in a dwelling house in town, and are getting along very comfortably. In the regiment we are known by the name of the Shyster company and that is the reason I signed myself Shyster in my last to you.

Address of Hon. Louis W. Hall. On taking the chair as Speaker elect of the Senate of Pennsylvania, for the session of 1862: SENATORS—I thank you for the kind participation which has raised me to the dignity of your presiding officer. I accept the honor with diffidence in my ability to fulfil your expectations, but with the determination, so far as in me lies, to give to the duties of the position my industrious and impartial efforts.

ADDRESS OF HON. JOHN ROWE. On taking the chair as speaker elect of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania: GENTLEMEN of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—With feelings of deep sensibility and sincere gratitude I receive this distinguished mark of your regard and confidence.

GLORIOUS NEWS. Great Federal Victory in Kentucky. Engagement for an entire day—Gen. Schoepff defeats the Rebel Gen. Zollicoffer—Loss heavy on both sides—Gen. Zollicoffer and Buile Peyton killed—The Rebels in full retreat.

A BATTLE AT SOMERSET, KY. CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—A battle was fought at Somerset, Ky., on Saturday, between the Federal troops under Gen. Schoepff, and the rebels under Gen. Zollicoffer.

THE FEDERAL VICTORY CONFIRMED. LOUISVILLE, Jan. 20.—General Thomas telegraphs to headquarters announcing that the battle took place on Sunday morning, and that Gen. Thomas continued the pursuit until night.

PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE IN KENTUCKY. CINCINNATI, Jan. 21.—A special Louisville despatch to the Commercial, says that despatches received at headquarters announce that the battle took place on Sunday morning, and that Gen. Thomas continued the pursuit until night.

Our forces followed the rebels, who ran before them like a flock of frightened sheep, close up to their entrenchments on the north bank of the river. In front of these they hid all night, expecting to storm them in the morning, but with the aid of their boats and barges, the enemy managed to get across the river before daylight.