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UNION REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR,

MAJ. GEN. JOHN W. GEARY,

OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

DISTRICT TICKET.

CONGRESS,

Gen. WM. H. KOONTZ, of Somerset.

SENATOR,

Hon. ALEXANDER STUTZMAN, of Somerset county.

ASSEMBLY,

Col. JOHN WELLER, of Somerset.

JOHN T. RICHARDS, of Fulton.

COUNTY TICKET.

PROTHONOTARY,

J. W. LINGENFELTER, of Bedford Bor.

SHERIFF,

Capt. N. C. EVANS, of Colerain.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE,

Capt. A. WEAVERLING, of Bloody Run.

COMMISSIONER,

SAMUEL SHAFER, of Union.

POOR DIRECTOR,

HENRY H. FISHER, of South Woodberry.

AUDITOR,

JAMES R. O'NEAL, of Monroe.

UNION POLICY OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid as a part of the Constitution, to-wit:

"ARTICLE. Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States, and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. Nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed, but whenever the basis of representation shall be changed, the number of Representatives shall be varied so that the whole number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand persons, but each State shall have at least one Representative, and the electors in each State shall have the same vote, whether they have one Representative or more.

Section 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who having previously taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; but Congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Section 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for the payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned; but neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt incurred for the interest or principal of any slave, but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

ONE DAY TO YOUR COUNTRY.

One of the first duties of the American citizen, is that of voting. The voice of the people as expressed by the majority at the ballot box is the law of the land. It is at the ballot box that we declare who shall make our laws and upon what measures or principles they shall be founded. How important then that every man who has an opinion, (and every man should have one), on the great questions at issue, should go to the polls and give expression to it, and cast the weight of his ballot as well as his personal influence in favor of the enactment and administration of such laws as seem to him most likely to be conducive to the public welfare. We are in the midst of a fearful crisis. The President attempting to usurp the legislative powers of Congress has placed himself in direct antagonism to the representatives of the people and is unscrupulously and unblushingly prostituting all the power and patronage of the Government in his control to corruption and bribery for the purpose of defeating the will of the loyal masses. He and his satellites boldly declare that no Constitutional amendment nor any legislation affecting the lately rebellious States shall be passed without the participation and consent of those States. Thus for the first time in the history of this or any other nation, it is proposed to make conquered rebels the arbiters of their own punishment. When was it ever before proposed to place a criminal in the jury box or on the judge's stand to try his own case? Yet this is what President Johnson and his supporters propose to do in disposing of the question of reconstruction. But this is not all. The principles laid down in the platform of the address of the 14th of August Convention, would invalidate every act of Congress since the withdrawal of the Southern members in 1861. If such a policy is sanctioned by the people, our national currency will be made worthless, our Government bonds mere waste paper, the glorious emancipation act null and void and our gallant soldiers, maimed and crippled in defence of the national life, will be made beggars while the widows and orphans of our sainted dead will be cast upon the mercy of an uncharitable world.

NOT THE ONLY ONE.

The Copperheads are making a great ado about Col. Tate's innocent blunder, in blurring out in an unguarded moment his honest admission of the assassin Booth. Their disapproval is not because of the sentiment expressed, but because of the damage the annunciation of their true sentiments will do to the party. As an evidence of this we cite the following from the *La Crosse Democrat*, (Brick Pomeroy, editor) published a few months before the assassination of the lamented Lincoln:

"MR. LINCOLN IS ELECTED FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS, WE TRUST SOME BOLD HAND WILL PIERCE HIS HEART WITH A DANGER POINT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD."

Was Pomeroy ostracized by the Copperheads as they profess to wish to do with Col. Tate? By no means, instead of suffering political ostracism his diatribes have frequently adorned the columns not only of the *Gazette* but of nearly all the Copperhead papers, and Pomeroy himself was recently invited by the Copperhead State Central Committee of Indiana to canvass the State for the Johnson party. Col. Tate spoke the sentiments (not of true Democrats) but of a large portion of the Copperhead party throughout the country and prudential considerations alone prevent the party leaders and their organ from endorsing them.

A NEW REBELLION.

By reference to our news columns it will be seen that the rebels of Texas, reconstructed after the "My Policy" style, have commenced a new rebellion. This comes a little sooner than Andy Johnson and his followers intended when they made their threats. But it comes none too soon to warn all lovers of peace and union, all loyal men of what is in store for us as a nation if the President's reconstruction policy is not promptly and sternly rebuked by the people. Remember that on Tuesday next will decide whether the loyal men are to rule the country in peace as proposed by Congress, or whether a Presidential traitor shall be permitted by a new rebellion to place rebels and traitors in authority over us.

A Few Things to be Remembered

We desire to keep a few facts relative to the status of the Copperhead party in this country before the people. We would have the people

REMEMBER, that the leaders, one and all, ardently sympathized with the traitorous rebels, and that they now plead for those in the custody of the United States with all the earnestness of their souls.

REMEMBER, that the stars and stripes, the emblem of our nationality, was seceded at by them, torn from appropriate places, and supplanted by the "red white and red," the emblems of organized treason.

REMEMBER, that the "Star Spangled Banner," "Red, White and blue," &c., were forced to give way to the favorite airs of the rebels. Yes, who does not remember how night was made hideous by the singing of "Maryland, my Maryland," "The Bonny Blue Flag," &c.?

REMEMBER, that hundreds of pistols and other deadly weapons were imported into Bedford county, and carried by the members of this same party, to shoot Union men for no other reason than that they were in favor of suppressing armed treason.

REMEMBER, that the barns of Union men were burned, their lives threatened and their families intimidated because they asked the Government to assert the supremacy of the laws, and were willing to give to it their assistance.

REMEMBER, that Churches and school houses were burned because men who loved their country, met there to worship God.

REMEMBER, that enrolling officers were shot at, and narrowly escaped with their lives because they undertook to enforce a national edict.

REMEMBER, that no less than 600 of this party refused to report when drafted, and skeddaddled to the mountains, skulked away in caves or fled to Canada.

REMEMBER, that every barn-burner who, in the deep darkness of the night stole up to and applied the torch to the property of Union men, is a rabid Copperhead.

REMEMBER, that the heathenish incendiary who under cover of darkness, prompted by the spirit of the devil, stealthily kindled the fire which consumed the house of God, if living to-day, is a traitor and a Copperhead.

REMEMBER, that every deserter who fled to Canada to enjoy the protection of a foreign Government, is and ought to be a Copperhead.

REMEMBER, that every skeddaddler who secreted himself for months in the "pine clad hills" of the old Keystone State is to-day a living, breathing, blathering Copperhead.

REMEMBER, that every skulker who found his way to the caves of our rugged mountains, with loads of weapons, who threatened death and destruction on all hands, and then ran away from his shadow, is a blatant Copperhead.

REMEMBER, that ministers of the gospel were reviled, condemned and persecuted because they prayed for the preservation of

party in a body voted to exclude the soldier from the right of suffrage, and that they kicked men out of the party, who had the manliness to disobey the order of the leaders and vote the soldiers this privilege.

REMEMBER, that every man who has desired the success of the rebellion, who aided, abetted and countenanced it in any manner, shape or form is a Copperhead leader to the extent of his intelligence.

REMEMBER, that those who secretly met for the purpose of organizing resistance to the draft in Napier and St. Clair townships are to-day, true to their instincts, in the Copperhead ranks.

REMEMBER, that under the administration of this party the Poor House of Bedford county, which ought to be a decent asylum for the aged and infirm, has become a by-word and a reproach.

REMEMBER, that the men who are now flattering the soldier, wore, during his absence in the army, the Copperhead badge, the emblem of sympathy and treason. The *Gazette* under date of May 8, 1863, says: "We were, when in Philadelphia, a Democratic badge,—a head of liberty, cut out of a copper cent. And, now, we give notice, that we will wear whatever ornaments we please."

REMEMBER, that the individual who identifies himself with the Copperhead organization is as much responsible for the party as if he were a principal actor.

SOLDIERS WILL REMEMBER, that if they vote the Copperhead ticket, they will stand side by side, with the distinguished parties whose record we have above enumerated. Oh soldiers, can you mix with such an array of treachery and traitors.

THE SHERIFF PROSECUTED

Election Officers who disregard the law to be similarly treated.—A change of venue to be secured and the trial to be transferred to some other County.

The Copperhead Sheriff of Bedford county has refused to insert the preamble and four sections of the Disfranchising act, enjoined by the same act to be published in the Sheriff's Proclamation for the holding of a General Election, and he has been very properly prosecuted for it. The same penalty will be visited upon every election officer who violates the law, and we have no hesitation in saying that the next Legislature will be very strongly Republican, to which we will make successful application for a change of venue and the trial shall be transferred to some county where Copperhead jurors will not be on hand to save their friends.

COUNTERFEIT TICKETS.

We have had handed to us a great bundle of counterfeit Republican tickets with the name of Mr. Shannon instead of J. W. Lingenfelter. This is only one of Mr. Shannon's small jokes, but we consider it a disreputable business. However, Mr. Shannon's chances are so low down in the scale that nothing but fraud can elect him. Beware of counterfeit tickets! Examine every ticket thoroughly before it is voted, and see that the name of every candidate on the Republican ticket from Governor down to Auditor is upon it.

CLYMER'S RECORD.

The record of Heister Clymer and his claims to the suffrages of the loyal men of Pennsylvania, as gathered from his political acts and associations may be set down as follows:

He declared there was no Constitutional right to coerce a State.

He discouraged enlistments in the Union army.

He denounced the conscription act as unconstitutional.

He opposed every measure devised by the Government for the vigorous prosecution of the war for the preservation of our national integrity.

He opposed the extension of the elective franchise to the soldiers in the field.

He encouraged deserters and bounty jumpers to the great detriment of the Union cause and thereby aided the rebels, prolonging the war and increasing our national debt.

He declared the war a failure and aided all the efforts of his party to make it so, in order to bring about an ignominious peace and the destruction of our national Union.

He opposed the establishment of our national currency.

He rejoiced over rebel victories and mourned over Union triumphs.

He with his whole party called Abraham Lincoln a "buffoon," "a tyrant" and a "usurper" and our gallant soldiers "Lincoln's hirelings," "Lincoln pupps," "blue bellied yankees," &c., &c.

He opposed and now opposes the disfranchisement of deserters and bounty jumpers.

He is an ardent advocate of Andrew Johnson's policy of making one rebel equal to two loyal men and placing rebels and traitors in authority over us as a reward of their treason and rebellion.

He opposes the Constitutional amendment that makes white men equal and places the national debt beyond the possibility of redemption.

Such is but a partial review of the political record of Heister Clymer. Let all good citizens ponder well before they cast their votes for such a man and against the soldier statesman, the gallant General Geary.

"NATIVE MODESTY."

Mr. Shannon's Scare.

We received the following letter end of a letter written by Mr. Shannon to some good Republican, the other morning. We have no knowledge as to whom it was sent, but we are quite sure the portion of the letter received by us was written by Mr. Shannon. This letter runs thus:

"I enclosed find YOUR TICKETS WITH MY NAME and some papers for you to use either if any. On business and personal relations I am going to throw off my native modesty and ask you to do me the favor of VOTING FOR ME. Of course this is in strict confidence.

Respectfully,
O. E. SHANNON.

Who ever dreamed that Mr. Shannon had any modesty! This is about the hundredth letter of the kind that we have heard of. Mr. Shannon asks everybody to vote for him, but we have every confidence that our people will laugh him to scorn as he laughed the Union cause to scorn during the rebellion. If he is not a scoundrel, we say to you emphatically cast no complimentary votes for individual friends, for this is not a contest over men. Every man on the Union Republican ticket is competent and able to discharge the duties of the office for which he is a candidate, and by his triumphant election we will best show our earnestness and sincerity for the overwhelming success of the Union cause.

A GREAT JOKER!

Mr. Shannon Laughing his Ugly Record Away!

Mr. Shannon, in his peregrinations about the county, has hit upon what he thinks to be the happy expedient of laughing away his record. He rises before an audience with all the assurance of a polished demagogue, descends upon the merits of his election, (in a horn) and then with a flourish proclaims his opponents to be disunionists, and to prove it, he seizes a poster circulated by the Republicans, containing extracts from the record of Col. J. W. Tate, R. F. Meyers and O. E. Shannon, himself, reads his own assertions made in 1861, and endeavors to palm them off as the sentiments of the editors of this paper. This Mr. Shannon considers a huge joke, and a very pleasant way of getting out of an unpleasant difficulty. We know one instance in which the joke didn't take. If Mr. Shannon can gull the people in this way, we are very much mistaken. The 9th of October will satisfy him of that fact.

SUPPRESSING THE STARS AND STRIPES.

The Copperheads held a meeting at Rainesburg on the 1st inst., in which their old hatred of the Stars and Stripes, was conspicuously displayed. A National flag with the name of Gen. Geary inscribed was found suspended across the street from the house of a good Union citizen. If some treasonable deed had polluted its folds it might have been tolerated, but because the name of one of Pennsylvania's bravest and most distinguished soldiers, was inscribed thereon, it was not to be endured. A committee therefore, waited upon the gentleman from whose premises it was suspended and by threats of personal violence compelled him to take it down. Soldiers what think you of such proceedings? The party that defiantly display rebel flags in Maryland cannot tolerate the Stars and Stripes in Pennsylvania.

"CONSISTENCY, THOU ART TRULY A JEWEL!"

WHO GO FOR NEGRO SUFFRAGE? The Copperheads have only one inextinguishable hobby, a very old one, which they have almost ridden to death a dozen times, that of "Nigger" "Nigger Equality" and "Nigger Suffrage!" and which they vainly would make their ignorant adherents believe is always in issue. However they are not over remarkable for consistency. They howl piteously against all the above clap-trap and support Col. John H. Filler for the Legislature, the embodiment of all these dogmas. Republicans are importuned to join the Copperheads, because they are down on the Nigger, but they must not fail, when they do go over to vote for Col. Filler, who a short time ago was the most Radical of Radicals.

HOW COPPERHEADS TREAT SOLDIERS!

A ONE-LEGGED SOLDIER BADLY BEATEN!

Young Ladies Insulted and Injured!

At a meeting of the terrified at Centerville on last Saturday, several who train in that crowd, filled with liquid strichnine, fell upon Capt. W. Hafer, a one-legged soldier and beat him badly. Shame! Shame! On Sunday night following, some fifteen or twenty of the same party attacked Mr. Doremur and Mr. Brunner, two gallant young soldiers on their way from church, in company with two young ladies, the daughters of Levi Harding, and treated them outrageously. In the melee which ensued, one of the young ladies was struck by one of the wretches, knocked down and badly hurt. Both the young ladies were more or less hurt, one of them fainted away from the effects of the injuries received, and alarmed her friends very much. The gentlemen were obliged to seek shelter in the woods. These soldiers were so thus brutally attacked because they have the manliness to stand up for the same principles at home that they contended for in the field. Soldiers, can you vote for such a party?

ESTIMATED VOTE OF BEDFORD COUNTY!

Gen. Geary's Majority 148!

Below will be found a careful canvass of the vote of Bedford county, as returned to the County Committee, which will give Gen. Geary and the Republican county ticket a very handsome majority. These figures are reasonable and will be made in every district, if our friends do their whole duty. Make it a point, friends, to bring our majority up to the figures below indicated and the Copperhead majority down correspondingly. We have a clear thing of it ahead of us.

DISTRICTS.	GEARY'S Majority.	CLYMER'S Majority.
Bedford borough.....	5	90
Bedford township.....	50	95
Bloody Run borough.....	95	52
Camden township.....	10	52
Colerain.....	16	52
Coadale borough.....	10	52
Harrison township.....	70	120
Hopewell.....	15	15
Junata.....	66	39
Liberty.....	125	17
Monroe.....	80	17
Napier.....	10	5
Providence East.....	125	17
Providence West.....	80	17
Southampton.....	125	17
St. Clair.....	10	5
St. Clair Spring.....	10	5
Schellsburg borough.....	40	17
Union.....	100	17
Woodberry Middle.....	100	17
Woodberry South.....	36	17
.....	703	594
.....	554
Geary's majority.....	148

NO TRADING OFF!

The Copperheads have given up on Clymer, Sharpe, Meyers, Filler, and Finley two weeks ago, and will endeavor to trade off some of this dead timber to secure the election of some of their county ticket. Mr. Shannon, it is presumed, will be guilty of this little business. He is bound to be beaten from one to two hundred in the county beyond a peradventure, if Republicans will only follow their political convictions and recollect that he is now running as a politician, who during the war was as disloyal as he could safely be.

ANOTHER GRAND SKEDADDLE!

THE LAST SWINDLE!

The Copperheads frightened to death at the prospect of defeat, have resorted to the swindle of transferring all the deserters from Republican districts to Copperhead districts. We have the names of a number that have skeddaddled from one district to the other. Republicans, watch all new-comers, challenge them and make them swear that they did not remove into the district for the purpose of prosecution for receiving them!

READ THE ADDRESS OF H. GEIGER IN ANOTHER COLUMN!

This article was written a year ago, but the reasons which prompted it are fully as potent now as they were then. We ask every member of the Dunkard, Mennonite and other non-resistant churches in this county to give it a careful perusal. Doctor Geiger is known to all as an earnest and sincere man, one who loves his country and despises treason. There are but few non-resistants in this county that do not enjoy his personal acquaintance and all know him to be a Christian and a patriot. Read his address and then go to the polls and vote.

ST. CLAIR AND THE WOODBERRIES IN A BLAZE.

These districts are determined to come to time. A week or two ago we had some fear but now we are satisfied that our friends are down to it, and old St. Clair will be redeemed with a handsome majority, and we would not be surprised if they did it until the close of the polls on Tuesday next.

WATCH THE DESERTERS!

When a deserter, skeddaddler, or bounty jumper presents himself at the polls, challenge his vote and ask him the question whether he is not a deserter; if he will not swear that he is not, or will not present a discharge from the army or other good and sufficient evidence to the Board it is bound to reject him under the law. Watch the deserters!

NEGRO SUFFRAGE!

The last *Gazette*, as it has done for several previous campaigns, says that Negro Suffrage is the issue. Now we propose this, if the Republicans are successful, on next Tuesday, will the *Gazette* accept the triumph, as the triumph of Negro Suffrage? If it does, we hope it will have the manliness to say nothing on the subject in the campaign of 1867.

Read the Soldiers' platform in another column.

TO NON-RESISTANTS.

READ! READ! READ!!!

The importance of the issues involved in the approaching election is the only reason which induces us to address the present appeal to our fellow-citizens who believe and practice the doctrine of non-resistance. While it is generally believed that a large number will absent themselves from the polls, it is at the same time well known that their sympathies are with us. In their private relations, by their example and precepts, they strongly inculcate the principles of honesty, industry, economy and general good order; governed by these principles they necessarily wish that our rulers should be men of a similar character. But wishing is not sufficient. If good wishes could have been effective, the past four years of fearful bloodshed, with all its attendant evils, would have been avoided; we must work. In the ordinary pursuits of life, we not only wish to have good mechanics to do our work, and good hands to labor on our farms, but we make an effort to secure them. We do not always succeed, but our failure does not discourage us, we try again. Because had men often got into office in no reason why we should not try to put good men in their places; and we firmly believe, if that large and influential class of our citizens (who do not vote on account of conscientious scruples) would lend their assistance, that a much greater number of honest men would be elected. No one will deny that civil government is of Divine origin. The Scriptures teach this doctrine most fully. The entire history of the Jewish dispensation is an illustration of this fact. Under the new dispensation we are brought to submit ourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. We are told that our rulers are a terror to evil doers, and a power to them that do well. We are also commanded to pray for those in authority. These truths being self-evident, how important it is that we should have good rulers, who would make good ordinances for us to obey; and how can we have good rulers if we allow wicked men only to elect them? Will they not select men after their own hearts? Does not like beget like, both temporal and spiritual? God could, if in his wisdom he saw fit, bless us with good rulers, as he did the people in the days of Israel, but he does not work so now.

He could feed us with manna, as he did our fathers in the wilderness, and could make grain grow without our tilling the soil. But he does not will it so. He works in his spiritual kingdom by His own sovereign power, but in His temporal kingdom he expects us, may he commands us to effect human ends by human means. If we want just rulers who will protect us in our rights, diminish the burdens of government, afford to us the rights of conscience, and enhance the general well being of society, we ourselves must select the men who shall be placed in authority; we cannot expect to grow grain in our streets; we cannot expect to get good servants unless we look for them. We cannot and should not expect to find where we do not seek nor reap where we do not sow. We are not here to outdo our opinions upon you, but we make this appeal to you in all sincerity and earnestness. We know there are many honest Democrats among the masses, but at the same time we beg leave to remind you, that the late fearful and bloody war was the work of Democratic leaders, was prolonged by the so-called Democratic sympathy, and in too many instances received the direct as well as indirect support of Democratic politicians. Should such men be again placed in power, what can we expect from them? They are not changed. They do not acknowledge their former wickedness, nor say that they have repented, much less do they bring forth fruits meet for repentance. We do not wish to encourage any feeling of vindictiveness against those who have brought the terrible suffering upon our country through which we have passed, we entertain towards them only feelings of deep pity for their past errors, but as long as they show no evidence of contrition we feel that the best interests of the country demand that we should not place them in positions where they can do further mischief. In this we hope to have your assistance at the ballot box. THE DANGER IS NOT YET OVER; WE HAVE MANY TROUBLES TO OVERCOME BEFORE PEACE AND HARMONY ARE RESTORED THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF OUR ONCE HAPPY COUNTRY. FIVE YEARS AGO, FEW OF US DREAMED OF WAR; THERE WERE FEW OR NO SOLDIERS TO PROSECUTE A WAR. WICKED POLITICIANS MADE THE WAR, AND THE WAR BROUGHT FORTH THE SOLDIERS, AND THE SOLDIERS FOUGHT THE BATTLES, BUT IF OUR OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN FILLED WITH UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICIANS THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO BATTLES FOR THEM TO FIGHT. UPON YOU, AND UPON US AN IMPORTANT DUTY RESTS: WE CAN PREVENT FURTHER TROUBLE. LET US BE WISE IN TIME. LET US KEEP BAD MEN OUT OF OFFICE, AND PUT GOOD ONES IN; AND OUR INDIVIDUAL PEACE, THE GENERAL WELL BEING OF SOCIETY, AND THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY WILL BE JUST AS CERTAIN AS IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE LORD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

I have given the views contained in the above a careful consideration. I KNOW, FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE, THAT THEY MEET WITH THE CORRAL APPROVAL OF MANY OF THE ELDERS AND BISHOPS OF THE DUNKARD, MENNONITE AND OTHER NON-RESISTANT CHURCHES. I NEED SCARCELY SAY THAT I FULLY ENDORSE THEM, AND HOPE THAT OUR FRIENDS WILL FEEL THEMSELVES FREE TO GIVE THEM AN EARNEST SUPPORT.

H. GEIGER.

PHILADELPHIA, October 2d, 1865.

We have received several communications in regard to our county politics, which, owing to their length, we are compelled to crowd out to get in more valuable matter.

WILKES BOOTH A HERO AND PATRIOT.

His Assassination of Abraham Lincoln "a virtuous, generous and heroic act."

We ask the attention of the people to the following article taken from the "Editor's Table" of "The Old Guard" a monthly magazine edited by C. Chauncey Barr. This periodical is a Democratic magazine and several copies of it are taken in Bedford by prominent copperheads. The article to which we refer is in the October number and reads thus:

"Because a western editor speaks of 'Wilkes Booth as a hero and patriot' a Republican editor flies into horrors of horrors and declares that never before since the 'history of man was a wretch found to 'praise an assassin. Read, O stupid! the instructions of Jehovah to His people in the Old Testament and learn how tyrants were to be treated. How many years has the name of Brutus been synonymous with 'patriotism and virtue' since the assassination of one of the first men of France won an apology for John Chateau, the assassin, in which he said: 'This patriote is a virtuous, generous and heroic act, comparable to the greatest, either in profane or sacred history and none but an atheist will doubt it.' Among many ancient nations those who dispatched usurpers and tyrants were worshipped as Gods. 'Others had a law that whoever killed a 'bad King should be King himself.'"

In the same number of this detestable 'first class Democratic magazine' Stanton is spoken of as a wretch and there is a poetical article headed 'a tribute to the beast' meaning General Butler. The whole work is the most villainous publication with which we have ever met and yet it is subscribed for and read by men in our town who claim to be decent citizens. We would suggest to the editor that he ought to employ Col. Tate as an assistant editor. It would give the Colonel an appropriate field to elaborate his opinions about America's Booth to whom in his speech before the Democratic meeting he said a monument would be raised higher than the one erected to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

THE BOUNTY LIE.

We have received from several of our soldier readers requests to refute the contemptible falsehood uttered by ANDREW JOHNSON and re-echoed by big followers, to the effect that Congress had voted twice as much bounty to negro soldiers as to white.

The following extract from the New York Tribune refers to this subject:

"The World says: Some of our Radical friends don't seem to relish this little item of news, but we publish it again in hopes it may yet do them good. Congress has appropriated pay for two years' service as follows:

For each negro soldier.....\$100
For each white soldier.....\$200
For each member of Congress.....\$4000

Let us briefly expose the ineffable silliness of this impudent lie. Congress enacted that every Union soldier in our war who has been honorably discharged after three years' faithful service should receive an extra bounty of \$100, while those likewise discharged after two years' service should receive but \$50. Now, the enlisting of blacks to put down the rebellion was not fairly begun until 1862, and amounted to such proportions in 1864; while the fighting ended in 1865. Of course, most of the blacks served less than two years, and so were entitled to no extra bounty; while scarcely a handful of them served three years, so as to entitle them to \$100. On the other hand, there are many tens of thousands of whites who served through three years or over, and another large number who served over two years. Why, therefore, should every one who reads or reflects must know to be such?

The above is clear enough, but to leave no room for doubt let us bring it to light in every detail:

Soldiers of 1861 (when all were white) received no bounty at first, but in 1864 they were asked to re-enlist, and received—

First, \$100 bounty (by subsequent enactment) for their three years' service.