

Bedford Inquirer.

EDFORD, PA., FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1890.

STATE TICKET.

GOVERNOR, JOHN W. GEARY, of Cumberland Co.

JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT, HENRY W. WILLIAMS, Allegheny Co.

DISTRICT TICKET.

SENATOR, HON. A. STUTZMAN, of Somerset county.

ASSEMBLY, J. H. LONGENECKER, Esq., Bedford county.

COUNTY TICKET.

PROTODUOTARY, J. W. LINGENFELTER, Esq., of Bedford Pa.

SHERIFF, WILLIAM DIBERT, of Bedford Pa.

TREASURER, WILLIAM PHILLIPS, of Bedford Twp.

COMMISSIONER, JAMES FINK, of Hopewell Twp.

POOR DIRECTOR, EMANUEL J. DIBBLE, of Colerain Twp.

CORONER, DR. A. S. SMITH, of St. Clairville Bo.

AUDITOR, JOHN P. WILLIAMS, of South Woodbury Twp.

PAYING THE DEBT.

The importance of the change inaugurated in the financial policy of the nation since the accession of Grant's administration is scarcely appreciated by a great mass of our people.

That fifty millions have already been paid since the 4th of March and that Boutwell proposes to pay twelve millions more the present month is a fact at once understood and approved by all.

But the magnitude of the change from the management of the copperhead, Johnson crew to that of the Republicans under Grant is not exhibited in that brief statement.

Copperheads during last year's campaign figured up a deficit of \$175,000,000 by the first of July 1869. Their calculations were made on the basis of their own management of the finances under Johnson and would probably have been verified by experience if they had continued in power.

Grant's election changed the order of things in Washington and the first of July 1869 showed a reduction of \$43,000,000 instead of an increase of \$175,000,000 as copperheads predicted.

This reduction is still going on at an increasing ratio, though the rate of taxation for revenue purposes is only about half what it was during the first two years of Johnson's administration.

What is the secret of Republican success in paying off the debt? Retrenchment and an honest collection of the revenue.

We have cut down the expenses of the Government, enforced the laws, and removed dishonest or inefficient officials until we have attained a measurable degree of thoroughness.

The result is shown in the rapid payment of our debt. Not only will over \$50,000,000 of the debt be paid by October first but the amount will be saved in addition the interest on that amount for the year making an additional \$3,000,000.

Beside, the credit of the nation is so much enhanced that we will shortly be able to negotiate a new loan at 41 per cent. or perhaps less, with which to take up our remaining 5-20 bonds, which will result in an annual saving of \$24,000,000.

This we will be able to accomplish by the end of the year. The net result of the ten months of Republican rule may be summed up as a saving or paying off of the national debt as follows:

Amount paid off, if we keep on at the present rate, of about \$9,000,000 per month.

Interest saved on \$10,000,000, 5 4/100 500,000

Reduction by new loan 2,400,000

Total for ten months \$11,900,000

We can confidently predict that the end of the year will show a reduction of the debt of at least \$120,000,000 and perhaps \$150,000,000, against a Democratic prediction of a deficiency of perhaps \$200,000,000.

Such are the results of the prudent working of a Republican Administration. Let them be sustained by the votes of the people.

A few weeks hence our State officers will be called upon to vote for State officers. Her verdict will be accepted as an approval or condemnation of the policy of retrenchment and reform.

Let it be recorded emphatically as an endorsement of the policy and the party that is so rapidly freeing us from debt.

PROTECTION TO AMERICAN LABOR.

Copperheadism in the Harrisburg Platform is afraid to say aught against protection to American industry.

Pennsylvania's well known interest in protection led the wisest heads of the Convention to avoid this point. But the smaller fry, forgetting this prudent protection and exposing the hypocrisy of their leaders in ignoring the issue.

Democracy and Copperheadism in Ohio they have openly declared against protection and they have only refrained from doing the same thing in their platform because they know that an honest profession of their true principles would result in the loss of votes.

Copperheadism is, now as ever, the enemy of the laboring poor and would either reduce them to slavery or grind them down to such a miserable pitiful state for their labor as would scarcely suffice to keep soul and body together. It is therefore perfectly consistent in them to make the richest in the State their candidate for the Governorship.

DOWN IT COMES.

The September statement of the public debt, like all its predecessors, shows a still further reduction. The amount is \$5,600,000,000 instead of \$6,000,000,000 for the preceding month.

It is particularly gratifying to be able to record this continuous and rapid reduction of the public debt at a time when copperheads are raising a false cry of Republican extravagance.

No better evidence is needed of the integrity as well as economy of the present Administration than this steady reduction of the debt, with the vicarious calamities of these copperhead shavers, we have only to point to the public records of our finances and the falsity of copperhead allegations becomes so apparent, that the most brazen faced of them must bow his head in shame and confusion.

The Republican party is the party of economy and every one who wishes our debts paid will vote the Republican ticket.

A LONG, strong pull continues to be made by Secretary Boutwell at reducing the public debt. He announces his intention of buying twelve millions in bonds in the present month. Such facts as these tell more for Republicanism than all the fine promises of copperheads. Deeds, not empty words, are what the people appreciate.

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that he will buy twelve million dollars of Government bonds during the present month. Bonds are now worth 120 in greenbacks.

A NOBLE LIFE.—On the 28th of June, 1861, at the very beginning of the late war for the preservation of the Union, John W. Geary was mustered into the service as a Colonel.

On the 25th of April, 1862, he was promoted to Brigadier General, and on the 12th of January, 1865, was made Major General.

He was wounded at Bolivar, Cedar Mountain and Chancellorsville. To the present day he carries rebel lead in his body.

He has been Mayor of San Francisco, Governor of Kansas, Military Governor of Savannah, and Governor of Pennsylvania. He discharged the responsible duties of each and all of these positions with honor to himself and credit to his native State.

Few Pennsylvanians have ever made a nobler record. The people read it with pride, and will re-elect him in October by an overwhelming majority.—Berks and Schuylkill Journal.

THE Democratic party inaugurated the most iniquitous and bloody rebellion that ever blackened the pages of history.

The Republican party put down that rebellion and preserved the Union of our country and the liberty of the people. Then came the work of reconstruction. Andy Johnson's treason obstructed and Grant was elected to perfect the unfinished work; that work is not yet done; every Copperhead victory retards it and interferes with the peace and prosperity of the country.

Do the people wish the long suspense ended, the work of reconstruction completed? If they do the only way is to vote the Republican ticket.

An immense national debt is the legacy of the last Democratic administration and the price of American Union and Liberty. Copperheadism and its rebel allies now propose to repudiate that debt. Thousands of noble and patriotic men lend their bonds to the Government and lend their money to save the national life. Shall that debt be repudiated and the nation's fame here the foul blot of dishonesty? Such lasting injury can only be averted by active and earnest support of the Republican party.

Every vote cast for Packer is a vote for repudiation. A vote for Geary is a vote for paying off our debt and preserving the fair fame of our beloved country.

COPPERHEADISM proclaims itself the friend of the laboring man. Every child remembers that it was the advocate and upholder of the slave power whose fundamental principle was that capital should own labor.

Professors like these are dirt cheap. They do not understand their design and will not be deceived. Copperheadism is the sworn enemy of the poor man and of free labor and its whole history proves it.

"Birds of a feather flock together" is an old and true adage. Asa Packer in admiration of his rebellious spirit invited the traitor Vallandigham to his house and entertained him in the darkest days of the war. He was also the friend of the rebel and repugnant Pennell. What think the gallant soldiers of Pennsylvania of such record? Can they who were the blue vote for such a man?

JOHN W. GEARY periled his life for his country in two wars. Shall he be set aside for the friend of traitors and repudiators?

What say the brave men who fought under him in the many bloody fields of the late rebellion? Will they relegate their gallant leader for one who was the bosom friend of their mortal enemies? No never! The boys who wore the blue will vote as they shot.

COPPERHEADS when they profess to be the friends of the poor man should be promptly reminded of the fact that they bitterly opposed the heavy ad valorem tax which gave a home to every actual settler on government lands. The Republican party passed the act after a desperate struggle. Bah! the fewer friends of the copperhead stamp that the poor man has, the better he will be off.

THE Copperheads profess to be the poor man's friend and then nominate for Governor a millionaire who was thrown into the river and nearly drowned by his own inflated workmen because he tried to grind them down to starvation wages. A pretty friend of the poor man indeed. Bah! such hypocrisy cannot deceive the intelligent laborer.

MANHOOD not money should command the respect and confidence as well as the votes of the people. The contest in Pennsylvania is between a heavy soldier, and honest man and an upright officer, and Packer and his twenty millions. Will the people worship the golden calf or vote for the gallant soldier?

COPPERHEADS make State and national debts; Republicans pay them off by honesty and economy. Which do the tax-payers prefer as their rulers? Let them answer at the ballot-box in October.

THE copperheads raise a hue and cry against Geary because he favors temperance. Were they ever known to oppose one who was fond of his whiskey?

REPUBLICANISM showed its friendship for the poor man by freeing his house and lot from tax and levying it on banks and corporations.

REPUBLICANISM shows its friendship for the laboring man by protecting him from the competition of the pauper labor of Europe.

The news from the eastern cities reports the Fall trade as of a most promising character, opening better than any previous season since the war.

It appears from later information in regard to the international bar race that the Harvards were only beaten two seconds instead of six as at first reported.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

WANTED AT THIS OFFICE.—The West Chester Republican says: We are prepared to pay liberal prices for accurate and carefully prepared designs of Asa Packer, the Democratic candidate for Governor, as he appeared in public under the following thrilling circumstances.

Illustration No. 1.—Asa Packer, the Democratic candidate for Governor, as he appeared previous to being immersed in the Lehigh river, by indignant boatmen, whom he wished to compel to work at starvation prices, that he might accumulate a fortune of \$20,000,000! The boatmen should also be faithfully represented, as they appeared upon that memorable occasion!

Illustration No. 2.—ASA PACKER, the Democratic candidate for Governor, as he appeared when entering the turbulent waters, together with the positions of the several individuals standing on the bank, witnessing as well as assisting him to perform the fearful feat!

Illustration No. 3.—ASA PACKER, the

REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CONFERENCE.

We clip the following report of the Senatorial Conference from the Fulton Republican, published by the Secretary of the Conference.

The Senatorial Conference met at the "Washington House," Bedford, August 26th, 1869, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and organized by electing the Hon. W. H. Barnes, of Somerset, Chairman; H. E. Shafer, Esq., of Fulton, Secretary.

The counties being called in alphabetical order, the following gentlemen were named as Conferees from the different counties:—Bedford, George W. Williams, John G. Minnich and Isaiah Cook; Fulton, H. E. Shafer, David Hughes and Jonathan Hess; Somerset, Col. E. D. Yutz, W. B. Coffroth and Hon. W. H. Barnes.

On motion of Mr. Coffroth, of Bedford, the Conference proceeded to ballot for Candidates. Mr. Coffroth, of Bedford, presented the name of Capt. Mullen; Mr. Hughes, of Fulton, the name of J. B. Cessa, Esq., and Mr. Barnes, of Somerset, the name of Alexander Stutzman.

On motion of Mr. Coffroth, the Conference voted to vote *Viva* Voice.

After several ineffectual votes, each candidate receiving three votes, the Conference adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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Democratic candidate for Governor, as he arose from beneath the waters, and what he did there!

Illustration No. 4.—ASA PACKER, the Democratic candidate for Governor, as he appeared on the banks of the stream in the midst of his affectionate admirers!

The precise remarks made use of by Asa in the four several acts of the Drama, together with those of his assistants in the aquatic feat, should accompany each illustration. Competitors will forward their productions with all possible dispatch, as arrangements to place them in the hands of the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, as forming a series of remarkable, stirring and patriotic incidents in the life of their candidate, and at the same time furnishing the most substantial reasons why he should be elected Governor of the State!

P. S.—Should the above designs prove satisfactory, we shall need others representing Asa's singular removal from Carbon county to Philadelphia, to avoid payment of taxes!

The "elate" is that if Packer should be elected, he is to appoint Bill Mullen Secretary of State. Common grinders should dictate the appointment, for didn't Bill put in the big ticks for the \$20,000,000 candidate at Harrisburg, and didn't he have his forefinger in the work of the same kind and had he not been the Secretary of State if Packer should be elected?

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The New York Times publishes the following statement of the actions of the several States on the proposed national suffrage amendment. It has been prepared with great care, and is believed to be correct.

Alabama—No action yet taken.

Arkansas—Ratified March 15, 1869.

California—No action yet taken.

Connecticut—Ratified May 15, 1869.

Delaware—Ratified March 1, 1869.

Florida—Ratified June 15, 1869.

Georgia—Rejected March 17, 1869.

Illinois—Ratified March 5, 1869.