

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.

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The Ratings of a Defeated Political Traitor.

The last Johnstown *Democrat*, editorially and Bismarckishly, rants most furiously about the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. Both articles are from the same gifted pen! The same *Wood-ruffian* style pervades them both. Their paternity is the same. They are both the dying ravings, the death-rattle of the "Old Captain."

We doubt not, Mr. Johnston will plead "guilt" to the offences of his youth, such as being a "collier," and a "schoolmaster;" and he might have added, "wood chopper!" Why the poorest "collier" in Cambria county would refuse to sell his press and his principles as Woodruff has done; the poorest "wood chopper" would swing his axe till the last day of his life rather than betray those who confided in him. As to the other sin of being a "schoolmaster"—well he was abroad when Woodruff wrote those articles.

We hold that the position of a "collier," a "wood chopper" or a "schoolmaster," is just as honorable as that of an editor or a lawyer. We believe with the poet, that

"Honor or shame from no condition rise;

"Act well your part—there all the honor lies."

But Woodruff don't. He reproaches Mr. Johnston with what Mr. Johnston is, or should be proud of. For Woodruff the lines of the poet should be altered thus: We believe that

"Honor or shame from no condition rise";

But Woodruff don't, and therefore Woodruff lies.

As to the rest of the trash about Mr. Johnston—so silly, so false, that even the Republican papers of the county and district have for years refused to publish it, but which Woodruff now in the imbecility of his grief reproduces, we have nothing to say. It is not our business to say what Mr. Johnston has been, what he has wanted to be, or what he will be. We do know however that he is a Democrat now, and in this he has greatly the advantage of Woodruff. We pity Woodruff, but he will not re-instate himself in the party he has betrayed and forsaken by abusing the Democratic organization. His sin has been great—so should his atonement be great. But he never can be restored while he attempts to justify his own treason.

If, then, Mr. Johnston, has a proper amount of self respect he can have no personal altercation with Woodruff. If ever Mr. Johnston gets as low, in the social and political scale as the unfortunate and unhappy editor of the *Democrat*, is, then they can wage war on equal terms.

When Mr. Johnston shall allow his bondsman to be sued for his neglect of official duties—when he shall basely betray the friends who confided in him—when he shall agree to take a nomination for removal or against removal, and run on either side of the question—when he is willing to run on a ticket with Know Nothings—when he shall prevail on a respectable young gentleman, like Francis Cramer, to sacrifice himself for his benefit, by promising him 700 majority in Johnstown—when he shall eat the Poor House bread and afterwards abuse the Poor House—when he abuses a worthy priest for correcting a falsehood in his paper—when he shall receive a nomination from a meeting that gives three cheers for Daniel J. Morell—when, we say, Mr. Johnston shall get low enough to do all these things—then, and not till then, will he be degraded enough to hold a personal controversy with H. D. Woodruff.

The notorious Whiteman has been defeated for Congress in the first South Carolina District, by a negro named Ramey. It would therefore seem that in the hour of his deepest tribulation, his former negro allies went back on that immature patriot and shining light in the carpet-bag church. To other negroes were also elected to Congress from the same State, also a negro Lieutenant Governor and a majority of negro members to the Legislature. We infer from this dark array of talent and statesmanship, that the proceedings of the Legislature of the "Palmetto State," at its approaching session, will be decidedly "rich, rare and racy."

The Harrisburg "State Journal," the organ of Gov. Geary, is more honest and candid than the other leading Radical papers in the State. It prints the votes by counties for the different Congressional candidates, and conclusively shows by its figures, taken from the official vote, that the Democratic party had a clear majority in the State of two thousand six hundred and sixty-one (2,661). We will accept the conclusion arrived at by the Journal, as it is entirely satisfactory.

Gov. Geary has issued his proclamation recommending that Thursday, Nov. 24th, be observed as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for the blessings, ends and uses set forth in the proclamation issued by President Grant on the 21st ult.

The End Reached.

In the last issue of the Johnstown *Democrat* the senior editor of that mendacious journal, by one bold and reckless plunge, descended into a more profound depth of editorial infamy than he had ever before, by the most persistent efforts, succeeded in reaching. In his own peculiar, but natural sphere, he now stands unrivaled, unapproachable. In its palpiest days, that once scurribled and libellous sheet, known as the Pittsburg *Jakey*, the shame and disgrace of its time, never succeeded in soaring higher into the regions of pure and unadulterated blackguardism than did the editor of the *Democrat*, in that model number of his "Jakey." Even a stranger, fortunate enough not to know him, after having read the foul and nasty cologne of that issue, would instinctively conclude that his heart is as black as Erebus and that his very touch is poison. When he was gloriously and forever defeated by the freemen of Cambria county at the late election, as the removal candidate for assembly, it was expected that he would quietly yield in humble submission to the expressed will of the people whose suffrages he had sought, and that he would nurse his venom and his wrath, until he would again become a candidate for the same office, as he proposes to do next October. But this was not to be, in the meantime, Othello's occupation would be gone. The dirty work of calumny and defamation so congenial to all his low instincts must therefore be diligently prosecuted. So, not content with attempting to blacken the reputation of laymen, he aims higher and makes a vulgar, unmannerly and indecent attack upon the respected and gentlemanly pastor of the Catholic congregation in this place—a man who never harmed him, and who never placed a straw across his path. Let him go on—let him continue to hawk at and tear private character—let him seek "fresh fields and pastures new" in the wide domain of personal abuse and falsehood—let him swim in a sea of destruction—he will be permitted to wallow in his natural and beloved mire undisturbed either by us or by the objects of his hatred and abuse in Ebensburg—We now say to this Perry county carpet-bagger, that in the future, inasmuch as one cannot touch pitch without being defiled, whatever his depraved heart may conceive and his libellous pen may utter against us, or any of the citizens of this place, however base, vile and unfeigned it may be, will be treated with silent and supreme contempt. Neglected calumny soon expires.

"Cease, viper, you gnaw at a file."

Judge Taylor and the District Court.

A case has very recently been decided by the Supreme Court of this State, which will relieve Judge Taylor from thereafter acting as the President Judge of the District Court at Johnstown. The case was this: By an act of the Legislature of April 15th, 1866, a Mayor's Court was established for the city of Scranton, in Luzerne county. By that act, Judge Conyngham, the President Judge of the several Courts of Luzerne county, became Recorder, or, in the other words, the Presiding Judge of the aforesaid Mayor's Court, just as Judge Taylor, by the act of Assembly erecting the District Court of Cambria county, was made the President Judge of said District Court. The question before the Supreme Court, in the case referred to, was, Has the Legislature any power under the Constitution to appoint a Judge of a Court of Record in this Commonwealth? The Supreme Court in disposing of the case quoted Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution as amended in 1850, and which is as follows:

"The Judges of the Supreme Court, of the several Courts of Common Pleas, or the other Courts of Record as are or shall be established by law, shall be elected by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth in the manner following: The Judges of the Supreme Court by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at large; the Presiding Judge of the several Courts of Common Pleas, or of such other Courts of Record as are or shall be established by law, and all other Judges except those to be learned in the law, by the qualified electors of the respective districts over which they are to preside or act as Judges."

The Court then proceeded to decide that the Mayor's Court at Scranton, in view of the provisions of the act establishing it and the nature and extent of its jurisdiction, is a Court of Record, and that, therefore, in pursuance of the Constitutional provision quoted above, the President Judge of said Court must be elected by the qualified electors of the districts over which he is to preside or act as Judge, and that he cannot be appointed to fill that position, by an act of the Legislature. The District Court of Cambria being also a Court of Record, it necessarily follows that Judge Taylor cannot, under the Constitution, discharge the duties of its Presiding Judge. These are the two points decided by the Court.

What will be done in the premises we are not prepared to say, The District Court in its inception was peculiarly a Johnstown institution, and we have no doubt that the citizens of that great and important "commercial centre" will be abundantly able to take proper care of it.

BUFFALO felt another earthquake shock, short but sharp, Tuesday afternoon.

The War Record.

[From Monday's N. Y. World.]

Almost the only news of interest and importance from the seat of war is in the details of the surrender of Metz by Marshal Bazaine. By the flowers of the French army, including the Imperial Guards and one of the strongest fortresses in the world, have been given away to the Germans.

It is not much to say advisedly given away, because Bazaine had 150,000 effective men left, was supplied as yet with several weeks' provisions, and there was no lack of ammunition or arms and artillery. The capitulation comprises 173,000 men, of whom 20,000 are wounded, 6,000 officers, sixty generals, three marshals, 3,000 cannon, and an immense war material, besides a war chest containing 40,000,000 francs, equivalent to \$8,000,000. The entry of Prince Frederick Charles, at the head of his army, is said to have been very imposing, and immediately after it several army corps began to take up their march to Paris. The capitulation has created a profound sensation not only in France, but also in Germany. The French government and people are indignant, and plainly call it treason. The Germans are "astonished" at their own luck and success.

At Paris things are unusually quiet and uninteresting. The Germans keep at a respectful distance from the forts in daytime, but are said to be very busy the night in perfecting their approaches. The French watch them closely, and shell them occasionally, but have hitherto made no attacks of any importance. The army of the Loire is said to be ready to take the field and commence active operations against the Prussian rear, but owing to the elevation of so large an army near that of Prince Frederick Charles it is most likely that the whole plan of campaign will not be changed.

The editorial and anonymous articles in this week's *Democrat*, aside from their cruel and infamous assault upon the character of Mr. Johnston, are extremely indignant and abusive. They come with exceeding bad grace from him who can never repair the harm he has done to the Democracy of Cambria county. It is perfectly well known that the Republican gentlemen to whom the editor of the *Democrat* held himself were the avowed friends of Mr. Morell, and that the great purpose of the movement was to save him from defeat. So, too, Edward Row, of Penn township, was run over by a wagon, and died from the effects of his injuries.

—A dog, having all the propensities of a cat, is now in the possession of Mr. Jacob Mass, of Caseyville, Illinois. The paw and foot, &c., are of the feline character, while the rest of the body is wholly canine. The above fact is vouched for by some of the most prominent citizens of Caseyville.

—Mrs. Esther M. Davis, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will left her husband because he was in the habit of whipping her seven times a week, and accuse that the situation is improved if she stays.

—Colonel Odell, an elderly gentleman of high standing in Maryland, was arrested at night, and taken twenty miles to jail through a rain-storm, for alleged insubordination with his commanding officer. The Union States Commissioner gave him the poor satisfaction of an honorable discharge.

—A melancholy scene was witnessed at the railroad depot in Oshkosh, Wis., the other evening. A young man who had left the city four days previously on his writing tour, had returned with the dead body of his bride, and was assisting to remove it from the train to a hearse.

—A clergyman reading a chapter of the Bible for his congregation, found himself at the bottom of the page with these words:

"And the Lord gave Noah a wife;" then, turning over two pages instead of one, he continued, "and he pitched her within and without with pitch."

—An old man named Joseph Bachler, was found dead in his bed at Chicago, on Tuesday. A post mortem examination was made. It was decided that he died from starvations. He was worth nearly \$20,000, but lived in a miserable hotel, without bread and food, and the expense.

—A funeral in an almshouse of Bayley, Massachusetts, took the act of sitting down Tuesday afternoon, when the earthquake shook the building, which was attributed to the absence of timber in which the old building stood. For which offense was required to stand three quarters of an hour.

—A special from Yonkers says, returns from two precincts of Brooklyn, New York, to Congress, the Democratic League to Congress, etc., by about 100 majority. Two Republican candidates were rejected, Eliot and Spink, and the vote was nearly equally divided between them. Neither candidate has been able to contest his election.

—Samuel is leaving "down below."

—Either the earth has got the blues or is going to have it. Friday's quake was a bad symptom, but the thing seems to be ended yet. Here comes Jefferson Randolph, who resides on the West shore of Saratoga Lake, about three-quarters of a mile below Moon's, and reports that early Sunday morning, before the sun was up, he being out doors at the time his attention was arrested by a low, deep rumbling sound, as if from the very bowels of the earth. The noise had hardly ceased when he saw an immense insect, appearing as large as a man's hand, shooting swiftly across the firmament from north to south. Just as it reached the southern limit of vision it appeared to split up and divide into several parts. The noise and the meteor burst was heard and seen by several persons beside Mr. Randolph.

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