

# Gettysburg Compiler.

Friday, February 25, 1865.

## IMPEACHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Radicals in Congress have entered upon the desperate step of impeaching the President of the United States. In so startling an emergency, thinking men may well ask, "what are we coming to?" The answer is not at hand, but this may be taken as certain, that a mutuality of continued power in power will result in general prostration and ruin, and the ultimate wreck of our institutions.

Let us glance at things as they stand. The President, in pursuance of a right clearly his by the Constitution, and before any dispute, removed an obnoxious Secretary, one not of his own appointing, from the Cabinet. He called General Grant to the place, and accepted, without a hitch, the resignation of Stanton, a leading force to Stanton's back. The Senate did not make the attempt, and Grant, instead of adhering to his promise, unblinkingly violated it, and gave Stanton possession. Here the bottom of the trouble is found—here responsibility for whatever may follow must attach. The Senate is first to blame, but Grant had constitutional and disturbing action. As he did not, the heavier weight is upon his shoulders, and there it will rest to his dying day. But for him, Stanton would be outside of the walls of the War Department, and the country at peace.

Grant's duplicity compelled the President to make another nomination, in order to get the question before the Supreme Court. He named Leonard, and the Senate is in communion. "Impeach him!" "Impeach him!" yell the Radical demagogues and fanatics—and ere the voice of the press or people can be heard, they rush the desperate measure through one branch, and knock at the doors of the other for redoubt haste in its consummation.

To such a pass this Radical malignity has brought the affairs of this once great nation. The only hope is that a more evil day may not come upon us as a people—but if it does, while men must meet it as becomes white men!

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Democratic National Executive Committee, at their meeting in Washington on the 22d, named New York as the place, and the 4th of July as the time for the holding of the Democratic National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. Whilst members differed in their preferences as to time and place, the proceedings were conducted with harmony and good feeling.

If anything were wanting to insure the success of the candidates to be chosen at New York, it seems to us that the present revolutionary course of the Radicals in Congress would furnish it. It need not be that the people of this once free and happy country will sacrifice their dearest rights and highest interests, merely to keep a set of ranting demagogues and madmen in office, rolling in luxury and extravagance, to be paid for out of the hard earnings of white labor in the North.

The ravings of the Radicals have but this object—effort and plunder. Will the masses suffer and die in their hands? We do not believe it. Give us republic and a white man's government, with peace and prosperity—and down with despotism, negroism and agitation—will be the verdict of the ballot-box next November. Mark that!

## WASHINGTON.

Removal of George H. Stanton. Adjutant General Thomas appointed Adjutant General. Great Excitement and Menace in Congress. Impeachment again threatened.

The Senate was electrified on Friday by a brief notice that the President, in which it was stated that he had removed Edwin M. Stanton, and appointed General Lorenzo Thomas, Adjutant General of the United States Army, to the position of Secretary of War. This caused great commotion among the Radical Senators, who at once voted an Executive order, and then proceeded to impeach Stanton, and to nominate Grant as his successor.

The Radical threat of impeachment was revived. But the President remained calm and unmoved, asserting that there was no occasion for excitement. "Impeach him!" "Impeach him!" yell the Radical demagogues and fanatics—and ere the voice of the press or people can be heard, they rush the desperate measure through one branch, and knock at the doors of the other for redoubt haste in its consummation.

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The Democratic party will lose nothing by the infamously course of the Radicals in Congress. By this Radical party will suffer from its every day of its miserable attempts.

Quitting the Democratic Senate, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan, denouncing the Democratic administration, and pledging to support the impeachment of Stanton.

## GEN. THOMAS DISCHARGED.

Gen. Thomas, who was arrested on Saturday on the charge preferred by Mr. Stanton, is now discharged. The Senate of course accepted the appointment of Secretary of War and adjutant general in the place of Stanton, and will probably appoint Stanton to the position of adjutant general. Stanton was discharged on Saturday.

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THE PEOPLE SPEAKING!—On Monday evening, the McClellan Club of the Twentieth Ward, Philadelphia, held a spirited meeting, at which leading Republicans were invited and resolutions adopted to stand by the President, and to resist or call upon "the people, without distinction of party, to drive the bold invaders of our liberties from power, that peace, prosperity and happiness may once more dawn upon the country."

## WHAT REPUBLICAN PAPERS SAY.

The New York Times, a Republican paper, and of course hostile to President Johnson, insists that the tenure of office bill be submitted to the Supreme Court. It is not a Republican paper, but it is a Republican paper, and it is a Republican paper.

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## JUDGE WARD ON IMPEACHMENT.

Whilst the impeachment resolution was under discussion in the House on Monday, Judge Woodward, of this State, made an unreserved speech, at which he is now known to be a staunch supporter of the President.

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## THE STANTON AFFAIR.

The New York Herald of Commerce, one of the most respectable of the country, in an article on the Stanton affair, says: "It must be evident to every candid observer, that the congressional party has made a great mistake in forcing the question of Stanton's removal."

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## LETTERS FROM HARRISBURG.

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## Local Department.

TOWN, COUNTY AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES. Laid out on Wednesday. "Old Times" must go over our next week, on account of a press of other matter to-day.

New Proprietor.—Wm. M. Rupert, of Fayetteville, succeeds Mr. Sellers in the proprietorship of the Washington House, Chambersburg.

Snow.—Nine inches of snow fell here on Monday last. Several attempts to increase the depth since, but of little effect. Ice for June and blue birds, salad and strawberries, and such.

Township Meeting.—The Democrats of Huntington township are requested to meet at the public house of Mrs. Reed, in Petersburg, on Saturday, March 11th, to settle a ticket to be supported at the Spring Election.

Death Warrant.—Gov. Geary has issued the death warrant of Wm. Denton, convicted at York of the murder of the Squibb family. The execution will take place on the 21st of March.

Exhibitions.—Exhibitions will be given by Center Mills School on Thursday, and Friday evenings of next week, to consist of speeches, dialogues, music, &c. The teachers, Mr. A. Howard and Miss Isabel Weaver, are sparing no efforts to make the exhibitions interesting. The public are invited.

Renovated.—McDonald and Williams, arrested at Fallfield and lodged in Jail here, for robbing the store of J. W. Miller, near Mechanicstown, Md., were last week, removed by the Sheriff of Frederick county, on requisition of the Governor.

Stolen.—Wm. D. Holtzworth sold on Saturday last, a horse and set in East Middle street, for \$500—Dr. G. Fallick stock purchaser.

Daniel Lashell has sold his horse and lot, on Washington street, to Rev. M. Jamison, of the Associate Reformed Church, for \$1,150 cash.