

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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OUR FLAG.



"Forever float that standard sheet!
Where Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner waving o'er us!"

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Democratic Standing Committee of Cumberland county met at the public house of Mr. Harman, in Carlisle, on the 3rd inst. After being called to order, J. B. Bratton, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Democratic party throughout the county, meet at the usual places of holding their respective township, borough and ward elections, on Saturday, the 31st day of August, inst., and then and there elect two Delegates, to assemble in County Convention, in the Court House, in Carlisle, on Monday, September 2, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to form a County Ticket, for the support of the Democratic party at the election in October next, and to attend to such other business of the party as may appear to them proper.

Resolved, That said election be held between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, P. M. on the above day.

A. DEHUFF, Chairman.
J. B. BRATTON, Secretary.
L. E. EWALT, Secretaries.

PERSONAL.—We need money badly, and it will be a very great relief to us if our friends and patrons will furnish us with a little of the "needful" without delay. If they cannot pay all, let them at least give a part of that to which we are justly entitled, in order to relieve us from our embarrassments. We think we have been very indulgent, and therefore hope to meet with a ready response to what we conceive to be a reasonable request.

Persons at a distance can remit by mail, at our risk. Come, friends, give us a lift without longer delay. We would have money to keep the wheels of the old Volunteer in motion.

CHAPELAIN FOR CARLISLE GARRISON.—The Secretary of War has consented to make Carlisle Barracks a Chapelain post. Right.

ANOTHER COMPANY.—Efforts are being made in Newville to raise another company for the war, to be called the "Ahl Rides." Some fifty or sixty names are already enrolled.

DEDICATION.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Wood, of Philadelphia, will dedicate the Roman Catholic Church, in Carlisle, which has lately been rebuilt, on next Monday, September 24, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

IN TOWN.—Lieut. Col. WILLIAM M. PEXIDE, Major LEMUEL TODD and Captain ROBERT MCCARTNEY, having obtained leave of absence for a short time from their respective commands, arrived in our town a few days since. Col. PEXIDE is on the sick list, but is recovering rapidly. Messrs. Todd and McCartney are in excellent health.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.—The Fall Session of Dickinson College commences on the 12th of next month. During the stay of the Fourth and Fifteenth Regiments in our town, recently, a part of the East College was used as a hospital for a number of sick soldiers. The soldiers, however, having all left, the rooms have been thoroughly renovated, and the College is now clean and in good trim.—There was no contagious disease among the soldiers.

OUR TREES—ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE.—There is a Borough Ordinance which imposes a fine of five dollars on any guilty of hatching a horse to any tree growing within the Borough limits. This ordinance is daily violated, and a number of trees have been hatched and killed by horses, and a greater number have been injured. During market mornings scores of horses can be seen hitched to the trees. These beautiful trees in front of the Court House are already nearly ruined, and it is time the ordinance was enforced.—We do hope our Chief Burgess and Borough constables will see to it, and collect the fine off every one who may hitch a horse to a tree. Our trees are the ornament of our town, and must be protected. Any one hitching a horse to a tree belonging to us, had better look out, for we will not only cut the horse loose, but we will prosecute the owner and collect the fine. We hope every one owning trees will do the same.

ARREST OF A ROBBER.—Our readers will remember that last week some robber broke into the warehouse of HENDERSON & REED, and bled open the safe, from which they abstracted about \$25 in money, a note of hand, a check and some other papers. No trace of the robber was found until yesterday. On Wednesday night, the warehouse of OAKS & AUSTIN, at Greenacre, was forcibly entered, the safe broken open, and some money and a deed taken from it, after which the building was set on fire. Two suspicious looking men had been seen at Greenacre during the day, and the party in pursuit succeeded in capturing one of these men, who then escaped. On searching the prisoner, the deed and a five dollar note were found on his person, and identified by OAKS & AUSTIN, as having been in their safe, fixing the guilt of this crime on him beyond a question, and they also found on him the missing check and note of HENDERSON & REED, which renders it very certain that he and his companion were guilty of the recent robbery here. Means have been taken to arrest his accomplice, but it is feared he has made good his escape.—Herald.

THE CAPITOL AGAIN MENACED.

Rumors are again rife that the rebel minions of JEFF. DAVIS contemplate an attack on Washington at an early day. We can scarcely credit these rumors, for desperate and foolhardy as the rebels are, we think they are too sagacious to attempt an impossibility. It is right, however, to be prepared to guard against all possible contingencies, and hence it is that troops are being forwarded to Washington in great numbers. This is wise and proper, for the Capitol of our country must be protected at all hazards, and without regard to cost. Should the Capitol fall into the hands of the vandals, and our public buildings, archives, and other property—our labor of seventy-five years—be appropriated to their use, then indeed would every patriot's heart sink within him, for our hopes would be crushed and our energies paralyzed. Washington, then, must be protected, we repeat, let the sacrifice be what it may.

We believe, however, that it would be fortunate for the country if BRECKENRIDGE would attempt to take Washington. To do so, he would have to cross the Potomac to the Maryland shore, and this would bring on a general engagement, the result of which would be a victory for the Union, with a prospect of a speedy termination of hostilities. Had the battle at Bull Run resulted in victory instead of defeat, we might now be negotiating for peace. That defeat—for which the easy Abolitionists are responsible—not only cost us hundreds of valuable lives, and millions of treasure, but it gave encouragement to the rebels and of course will prolong the war.—The next general battle will be on a much more magnificent scale, and on its result depends the perpetuity of our glorious Union. Before that great battle is fought, we will, we doubt not, be fully prepared, and our troops will engage in the struggle determined "to conquer or die." Since the young and gifted McCLELLAN has been placed in command of the army of the Potomac, great vigor has been infused into the conduct of the troops. Officers are required to be at their posts of duty, constant drilling is practiced, insubordination is punished, outside interference is disregarded, and the advice of Abolition croakers spurned. McCLELLAN feels that the eyes of the world are upon him; he knows that in accepting the command of the army of the Potomac, he assumed a responsibility such as no General perhaps ever assumed before.—Such being the case, such his position, he will not be dictated to, nor will he suffer snivelling politicians to approach him with their unskilful and impudent advice. Aided by the old veteran, General Scott, he will organize his army and lay his plans for the great contest. No cry of "On to Richmond!" will move him, even if that cry comes from the White House; and no camp-followers like LOREZO and SUMNER will be permitted to follow about the army when the Battle for the Country is to be fought. He has already decided that if these interlopers attempt to annoy him by their presence, he will put muskets into their hands and compel them to move to the front ranks and take part in the fight; and to this the whole loyal people will say amen!

Let the people then wait patiently and hopefully for the next great collision. That it will be a desperate battle—that thousands, and, perhaps, tens of thousands of brave men will fall—we have no doubt. After that battle the means of thousands of fathers, widows, and sisters will doubtless be heard throughout our heretofore happy and prosperous country; but yet, should victory—which may hearth grant—perch upon our banners, a shout of joy will mingle with the sobs of the bereaved, in the confident expectation that peace will speedily follow. God's will be done!

THE TAX BILL.—On our first page we give a very full abstract of the Direct Tax Bill recently passed by Congress. This stringent Bill interests every tax-payer, and will be read with interest. To our mind the principal object of the framers of the Bill was to make places, at very high salaries, for hordes of menials who are thirsting for office, and who are to make money off the oppressed people. Hundreds of thousands of new office-holders are provided for by this Bill. So we go.

ANOTHER CHANGE OF NAME.—The latest aliax, before going to press, that the old Federal party has assumed is the "Republican Union Party!" The call for a Union meeting in this county is headed in that way.—The Chicago Convention discarded the word "National" from the name of its party, and now the word "Union" is interloped to catch gullgeons. We have no doubt they will have some glorious nibbles, but in the end we fear it will turn out to "fisherman's luck!"

THE ADAMANTINE GUARDS, of Newville, are now at "Camp Park," one mile from Washington. They were sworn into service on the 17th inst., and received their tents and horses.

At an election for officers, Capt. WOODBURN was unanimously re-elected to the office which he has for several years filled with so much credit. The following officers were also elected:

- 1st Lieut.—Wm. Baughman, (re-elected.)
- 2d Lieut.—William Miller.
- Q. Sergeant.—Davo M. Gilmore.
- Quartermaster.—Daniel Whaler.
- 2d Sergeant.—Wm. H. Bricker.
- 3d Sergeant.—Samuel J. McCullough.

GOODY'S LADY'S BOOK.—Goody for September, is already on our table, freighted with its usual amount of interesting and instructive reading matter, engravings, fashion plates, and patterns for the ladies. Goody's Lady's Book should be found upon the centre table of every lady in America.

OBNOXIOUS NEWSPAPERS PRESENTED.—In New York, on Friday last, the Grand Jury of the United States Circuit Court, made a preliminary order of contempt, against the publishers of the following papers:—Journal of Commerce, the Daily and Weekly News, the Day Book, the Freeman's Journal and the Daily Eagle of Brooklyn, for the utterance of language which, if expressed in the streets, would be considered a crime against the Government. The Grand Jury says that the conduct of these papers is abhorred by all loyal men, and hope that it is subject to indictment and the punishment of the Court.

"WHAT DOES IT MEAN?"

The Herald of last week, in an article over the caption of "What does it mean?" mentions, with much gravity, that the publisher of the New York Day Book, a vile secession sheet, has been in the habit of sending packages of his papers to the acting Postmaster of Hognestown, for gratuitous circulation. The Herald goes on to say:

"What does it mean? Silver Spring is known to be the largest democratic township in the county. Is there a secret compact between the democrats and the secessionists to divide the North, so as to give the South an easy victory? A Southern traitor may have ambition and bad whisky to palliate his offense; but, a Northern traitor is a natural Tory. "Died in the wool?"

We have no knowledge whether the Day Book was sent to Hognestown for gratuitous circulation or not, but if it was, it never had been ordered by any one. It is quite a habit of city editors—particularly those who print incendiary publications—to send packages of their papers to country Postmasters, in the hope of gaining proselytes to their cause.—Postmasters cannot help this; on the contrary they are much annoyed by it. Frequently, during our term in the Carlisle Post-office, packages of the New York Tribune—one of the very worst papers published in New York or anywhere else—were sent to this place, addressed to "Post-master." We invariably committed them to the flames; for we regarded the paper an incendiary publication.

There is one sentence in the Herald's remarks, which is entitled to attention, and which we consider the quintessence of impudence. It is this—"Is there a secret compact between the Democrats and the Secessionists to divide the North, so as to give the South an easy victory?"

"This kind of twaddle has been used quite long enough, and too long. The insinuation contains as base a falsehood as ever was hatched in the brain of man; and we are astonished that the editor of the Herald, with his knowledge of what the Democrats of this county have done and are still doing for the war, could have the brazen effrontery to indite such a sentence. It is a fact, susceptible of proof, that of the (about) one thousand men who are now in the army, from this county, three-fifths of them are Democrats. These Democrats are in the ranks, too, without a prospect of promotion. They did not join the army, as half the Republicans did, confident that, on account of their politics, and the influence of pampered relatives, they would be promoted. No! They joined to fight, and with no hope of ennoblement over their pay as privates. Being Democrats they had no expectations ahead. We might, with some appearance of sincerity, ask—"Is there a secret compact between the Black Republicans and the Secessionists and is it because of this compact that the Republicans refuse to go into the ranks to fight for the preservation of the Union?" The Abolitionists and the fanatics of the South have been working for a dissolution of the Union for a quarter of a century, and it is reasonable to suppose that they understand each other, and hence it is we find so few Abolitionists in the ranks of the volunteers. They were very good at carrying oil lamps, and sneeringly tantalizing Democrats as the "Union-savers" last fall. They were very valiant then, when our country was enjoying peace and prosperity under a Democratic administration. But now, when our flag is insulted by traitors, and fighting is to be done, where do we find the bulk of the "Wide-Awakes?" At home, amusing themselves by asking whether there "is a secret compact between the Democrats (the men who are to put this war through) and the Secessionists?" We can occasionally tolerate coal impudence, but this remark of the Herald partakes too much of an Inchiquin command even contempt. We can tell the Herald that the Democrats have entered into a compact among themselves, and if our neighbor will keep it secret, we will tell him what that compact is. First, they have sworn in their hearts that the Secessionists must be put down and the laws and the Constitution enforced; second, that the twin-sister of Secession, Abolitionism, must also be put down and kicked out of the country. When the Democrats accomplish these objects (which they surely will) we may hope for peace—not before.

The Herald reminds that if we have any charges to make against the Republicans, we must do so "on evidence clear and unmistakable," or we "will be held to a fearful responsibility in the future." That evidence we will furnish, neighbor, to the satisfaction of fair men, if not to your satisfaction. It will not require much "evidence" to convince the people that the last Republican Legislature was corrupt to the core. Nor will it be necessary, we think, to call many witnesses to the stand to satisfy the people that the Republicans repaid the tonnage tax, by which not a penny of the people were robbed to an amount that would have paid off the State debt in a short time. The Herald last fall assured the people, on its honor, that CURTIS and the Republican candidates for Assembly were opposed to a repeal of the tonnage-tax, but when, by bribery and corruption, the repeal of this tonnage-tax was effected, and the bill was signed by Gov. CURTIS, our neighbor had not a word of condemnation to offer. The people know these facts, and require no "evidence" on the subject. The army frauds, which the Herald would dare to cover up, we can furnish "evidence" to prove. Would our neighbor like to see a shoe with a wooden sole? If so, he will please call at our office, and we will show him one—taken from the foot of a soldier after two days wear. We will, if it becomes necessary, furnish "evidence" enough for you, Mr. Herald, and as the "responsibility" we are willing to assume as much as necessary to convict the Republican party, and have it condemned by an insulted and outraged people.

Col. WATSON, Democrat, Postmaster at Lawrence, Mass., who raised and commanded a regiment of three months' volunteers, has since the expiration of his military term, been ordered by the Postmaster, and Geo. S. MERRILL, a stay-at-home Republican, has been appointed in his place. These are "no party" times, eh?

PETER RITNER, a brother of the Ex-Governor, died in Cass county, Ind., on the 10th inst., at a age of 67 years. The papers of that county speak of him as an active business man and useful citizen, and deplore his death as a general loss to his community.

THE PEACE MAKERS.

We noticed with regret, that meetings are being held in various sections of our country, (in the State of New York more particularly,) at which resolutions are adopted calling upon the Government to appoint Peace Commissioners to treat with the rebels, and to ascertain from them, on what terms peace can be restored. We regret these meetings, we say, for we believe they are calculated to prolong the war, instead of effecting peace. They create the impression in the South that a portion of the people of the North are so very anxious for peace, that they are willing to consent to a dissolution of the Union to effect that object. We should be careful not to insinuate this notion into the Southern mind, for it can do no good and may do much harm. Nor would it be right to treat with armed rebels. If peace propositions are to be submitted, let them come from those who are in rebellion against the regular government, and not from those who wish to preserve it. We would be laughed at by the civilized world if we should be the first to sue for peace. Certain men may cry out peace, peace, but we tell them there can be no peace so long as armed traitors menace the Union and the rights of the people.

God knows we are as anxious for peace as any one. We feel and know that this war will bring distress to every man in our land. We will admit, too, that the war might have been prevented had wise counsel prevailed. But what of that? The crisis is now upon us—war was declared on the day Sumpter fell—several battles have been fought—thousands of lives have been lost—we have been robbed of hundreds of millions worth of property—even our Capitol is menaced. And yet we hear some chicken-hearted men in New York asking for a cessation of hostilities, so that we may have an opportunity to talk about peace! Peace, indeed! As we said before, we are in favor of peace, and would be willing to sacrifice our little all to effect this much desired object; but it must be an honorable and lasting peace, or none at all. It must be a peace recognizing the Government and the whole Union—a peace which will guarantee to us the rights we formerly enjoyed. If we can have this kind of a peace—if the armed traitors will lay down their arms, and again act the part of loyal citizens, and assist to extricate our country, and pay the immense debt this war has inflicted upon us—then we are for it with all our heart.

It is all folly, therefore, if not worse than folly, to talk about peace now. It must be evident to every one that a decisive battle must be fought before a reconciliation can be thought of. After that, if we are victorious, (and we have an aliding confidence we will be,) we may hope for peace upon honorable and lasting terms. We must whip the enemy first, and talk about becoming friends after that.

TRAITORS.

We have a class of traitors in the North who are doing more to embarrass the Government and misrepresent the feelings of our people, than the whole number of men South can possibly do. The war in which we are engaged is for the maintenance of the Government, the Constitution and the laws. Congress has said so: President LINCOLN has said so; every member of the Cabinet has said so. Such being the fact, how comes it that we find men who are office holders and hirelings under the Administration, deny this, and declare that the object of the war is the abolition of slavery in all the Southern States? We notice that many of the prominent Republican papers insist that this is the object of the war, and at a late meeting of the Republican State Committee of New York, a resolution was adopted proclaiming that "the extinction of slavery must be achieved before hostilities would cease." From a late number of the Harrisburg Telegraph, the special organ of the Secretary of War, and which is published by the Postmaster, of that city, we clip the following sentences:

"There cannot and there never will be peace as slavery exists in the South. This is the decree of God himself, who has declared an eternal antagonism between right and wrong!... Who deny this? To talk of peace, therefore, as long as slavery exists on this continent, in conjunction with freedom, is both foolish and impracticable!... If we intend to be free, the sooner we go to work to overthrow and banish the institution of slavery, the longer our freedom will last and the nobler it will become!"

Now, we insist that the Government owes it to itself to have the author of the above sentences arrested and tried for treason. The President has assured the people, North and South, that the war is not to be waged for the overthrow of slavery. If he was sincere, why does he continue men in power who deny this, and insist that the extinction of slavery is the object of the war? Why does Mr. LIVINGSTON permit his hirelings to misrepresent him and the objects of the Government? These declarations of his office-holders are not only calculated to aggravate and stagger Union men in the South, nearly every man of them slave-owners, but will, if persisted in, of the man of his own army, nine-tenths of the men of the war is for anything else than the preservation of the Union and the Constitution.—We contend that the men who utter language like the sentences above quoted, misrepresent the Government, and should be arrested at once and punished as traitors. They are creating a distrust in the country and in the minds of the people, and we repeat that the President owes it to himself and to the cause in which all loyal citizens are engaged, to disabuse the minds of Union men, North and South, by not only turning the men out of office who misrepresent the objects of the Government, but to punish them for their treason. This the President will do, if he regards his own pledged word.

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NON. JAMES H. GRAHAM.

We find the following communication on the subject of the President Judgeship, in the last number of the Perry County Democrat. In this county the expression in favor of the re-election of Judge GRAHAM approximates unanimity. Judge G. has served nearly one term upon the bench, and his character for unbending integrity, impartial justice, and legal knowledge, is well established. He is regarded by well-read lawyers, here and elsewhere, as one of the purest and ablest Judges in the State. Politicians may seek his place, but the people will have a say in the matter, and will demand a continuance of his valuable services. But, to the article from the Perry paper:

From the Perry Co. Democrat.

THE PRESIDENT JUDGESHIP.
JAMES H. GRAHAM, Esq. Sir—The people of this County will soon be called upon to discharge a duty the most important that has devolved upon them in the past ten years—elect a Judge!

When the Legislature submitted to the people the amendment to the Constitution, making our judiciary elective, I gave attentive care to the many very plausible arguments urged against the change; but after mature deliberation, voted for it. True, it was a radical change, but I considered that if the integrity and intelligence of the people could be trusted in the selection of a public servant in whom all have an interest more vital than in any other agent of their selection, then there was an end to fifth in popular government. Let us not, therefore, be misled by those who represent that the course of Judge Graham but the bench. I beg as the greatest privilege of my life as a voter, to cast my ballot for the continuance in position of the present learned, efficient and upright incumbent. Let us regard and street-corner Solomon's discourses the great principle (?) of rotation in office, but let us, the substantial, tax-paying yeomanry of Perry act from the standpoint of self-preservation and secure the protection of our lives, our persons and our property. What does the course of Judge Graham but to make a safe Judge. That he is learned and able, for the evidence you have only to refer to the decisions of the Supreme Court in those cases taken up in this district for review. No Judge in the State can find a fairer record in our reported cases; at least such is the testimony of legal gentlemen with whom I have conversed on the subject. He is prompt, yet not reckless, in the dispatch of the cases brought before him. Above all and to crown all, he is honest, capable and impartial. These are the elements of sterling integrity, the pearl in judicial character above price and beyond estimate. Your Government, your Representatives, all your other public agents, may be corrupt and imbecile, and you can soon correct, and in the time being, endure it; but a corrupt or ignorant Judge, who can not do that may prove irretrievably ruinous to you, your children, and your children's children? Let us congratulate ourselves that unlike many other districts, we need not go beyond our own lines for the person to fill this important office. Nay, more, that we need not change, but on the contrary are favored by high talents and a fair record in our reported cases; at least such is the testimony of legal gentlemen with whom I have conversed on the subject. He is prompt, yet not reckless, in the dispatch of the cases brought before him. Above all and to crown all, he is honest, capable and impartial. These are the elements of sterling integrity, the pearl in judicial character above price and beyond estimate. 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