

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER

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OUR FLAG.



Forger float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us? With Freedom's soul beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner waving over us!

Democratic State Ticket.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: ISAAC SLENKER, UNION COUNTY. FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL: JAMES P. BARR, PITTSBURG.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Democratic Standing Committee of Cumberland county met at the public house of David Martin, in Carlisle on Saturday, August 23. After being called to order, the following resolutions were offered and adopted: Resolved, That the members of the Democratic party throughout the county are requested to meet at the usual places of holding their respective townships, borough and ward elections on Saturday the 23rd day of August, just, and then and there elect two delegates to assemble in County Convention, in Carlisle, on Monday, August 25, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to form a County Ticket, appoint Congressional and Senatorial Conferences, and to attend to such other business of the party as may appear to them proper.

Resolved, That the elections will be held as follows: In Carlisle between the hours of 7 and 9 P. M. In the remaining boroughs and townships between the hours of 2 and 5 P. M. C. E. MAGLAQUIN, Secretary.

DEFERRED.—The Address of the Democratic State Central Committee will appear in our next. It was unavoidably crowded out this week.

WAR MEETING AT MECHANICSBURG.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Mechanicsburg on the evening of the 26th ult., over which LEV MENKLE, Esq. presided. A number of patriotic addresses were delivered, and resolutions adopted.

"Surgent Heiser, of Carlisle," the Patriot and Union says, "was killed in a skirmish near Manchester." He belonged to the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, (Capt. Davis, of Harrisburg.) The Captain and 15 of his men were taken prisoners at the same skirmish.

Capt. Wm. M. Porter's Company is filling up rapidly, and expects to be ready for an "advanced movement" shortly. The Lieutenants of this Company are JOHN TURNER and JOHN HAYS. The officers are all men of experience and character, and we doubt not, will do their whole duty in any emergency.

OFF FOR CAMP CURTIN.—Capt. JOHN LEE'S Company of Infantry left our town on Tuesday morning, bearing with them the good wishes of all our citizens. The Company, we learn, numbers some 70 able-bodied young men. The Company will remain at Camp Curtin until its complement is made up—100 rank and file.

Pic Nic.—The scholars attached to the Sunday School of the 2d Presbyterian Church of our town, had a pleasant Pic Nic party at "Hamilton's Cottage," one and a-half miles east of Carlisle, on Wednesday last week. The tables were spread in profusion, and the youngsters enjoyed themselves to their heart's satisfaction.

MORE COMPANIES.—Capt. J. H. ZINN of Mechanicsburg, is raising an infantry company for the nine months service. Capt. Z. is an excellent officer and has been in service.

Capt. GEORGE OSTROF, of Mechanicsburg, we believe, is also raising a company. Capt. O. is an active young man, of good capacity, and will make a first-rate officer.

SOLDIERS' PAY AND BOUNTY.—In reply to numerous inquiries we publish the following: Letters of inquiry, relating to the pay of soldiers in hospitals or on furlough, should be addressed to the Paymaster General; relating to back pay and \$100 bounty of deceased soldiers, to the Second Auditor; relating to pay of deceased tenters, or other employees of the Quartermaster's Department, and for pay for horses killed or lost in the service, to the Third Auditor; relating to the pay and bounty of persons in the marine or naval service, to the Fourth Auditor; about soldiers in the army, to the Adjutant General.

ACCIDENT.—At the Sunday School Pic Nic last week, a lad named GEORGE FISKE, who was going to go into a wagon, fell and broke his arm. Dr. DALE, who happened to be on the ground, immediately attended to the fracture, and the patient, we are glad to learn, is doing well.

THE CONTEST THIS FALL.

The Democratic party must be successful this fall; we must have no bickerings, no heart-burnings. Men are nothing, but principles are eternal. The salvation of the country depends upon the success of the Democratic party, and that man is not a patriot who, in a crisis like the present, will permit his personal preferences for men to influence him a hair's breadth from the duty he owes to his country and its principles. Let us all in this country, and in all counties, after our candidates have been selected, go to work with a determined will, and elect our men by unprecedented majorities. Can any man—we care not what may be his calling or what his position—be indifferent as to the result of the approaching political contest? Can any man who has the welfare of the people and the country at heart, and his own welfare, remain passive and careless, and permit Abolition-ism-Republicanism again to triumph in our old beloved Pennsylvania? We trot not.

Look at the record of the Republican party! The enormities committed by that festering fiction have not all been revealed, but enough is known to convince the people that speculation and fraud, on a most gigantic scale, have been practiced by the agents and emissaries of the Government. The revelations of the VAN WYCK and HOLZ committees should, and we hope will, forever damn the men and the party guilty of such practices. By their reports it was shown that during the first ten months of LINCOLN'S administration, over ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS were stolen from the Treasury of the Government! And, Mr. VAN WYCK, in making his report to the House of Representatives, stated that "he had no doubt the Government had been swindled to double if not treble the amount exposed!" It is an undeniable fact, that from the very day Mr. LINCOLN took the oath of office, a band of vipers surrounded him and his cabinet officers, expecting, as a matter of course, that magnificent fortunes, in the way of contracts at exorbitant profits, were to be tendered them, as a recompense for their services in the wide-awake army. And notwithstanding the bleeding condition of our country, the stagnation of business, and the widespread distress and desolation that prevailed throughout the land, these blood-suckers were recognized and their insidious demands gratified. Nay, more, some of the members of the cabinet, and scores of Senators and members of the House, were partners in these robber contracts, and shared the spoils!—Gen. CAMERON, the Secretary of War, was censured and impeached by the House of Representatives for having connived at these stupendous depredations upon the Treasury; and WELLES, the Secretary of the Navy, only escaped a similar disgrace and condemnation by "the skin of his teeth." And yet, after all this, "honest old Abe" came out in an official letter and took upon himself the very transactions of CAMERON for which he (C.) had been censured by the House! "I did it," was the reply of the President of the United States, when CAMERON and WELLES' pecuniations were exposed! "I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, committed these depredations which you fellows of the House complain."

We submit the question to our readers, then, whether the President is not an impeached man before the people this day? Certainly he is, for when he placed himself in CAMERON'S shoes and announced himself responsible for the acts condemned by the House, it made him guilty and relieved CAMERON; and his name, and not the name of his Secretary of War, should have been substituted in the disgraceful impeachment resolution. What a disgraceful humiliation is this! The President of the United States, with a brazen front, confesses himself guilty of acts that were publicly condemned and censured by a House composed of his own party friends! "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon."

But, we have been digressing. Our object in commencing these remarks was to urge upon Democrats and all loyal men—men who desire to see the restoration of the Union as it was, and the preservation of the Constitution as it is—the necessity of organizing now. We must go to work, one and all, and swear in our hearts that the originators of our present national troubles—the Abolitionists of the North and the Secessionists of the South—must be put down forever, and buried in a common sepulchre. Organize, Democrats—organize, patriots!—organize, old men!—organize, young men!—and work, work, work! And let your motto be—"Bullets for the Secessionists—baldies for Abolitionists!"

DELEGATE ELECTIONS.—By reference to the proceedings of the Democratic Standing Committee (in another column), it will be seen that the election of Delegates in the several townships, Boroughs and Wards will take place on Saturday, August 23, and that the County Convention (to nominate a County ticket and appoint Congressional and Senatorial Conferences) will assemble in Carlisle, on the Monday following—August 25.

We hope our friends throughout the county will not fail to attend the Delegate elections. If ever there was a time when it was absolutely necessary to maintain and defend Democratic principles, that time is the present. As we have said heretofore, the very salvation of the country depends upon the triumph of the Democratic party. This is the opinion of such patriotic Union-loving men as MILLARD FILLMORE, JOHN J. CRITTENDEN, Gov. WICKLIFFE, of Ky.; Senator COWEN of this State, and thousands of other life-long opponents of the Democratic party. Rally, then, friends of law, friends of the Constitution and the Union! Attend these primary meetings, and select your best and most reliable men to carry out your wishes in the County Convention. Permit no bickerings and let not your desire to see certain men placed upon the ticket permit you to forget the great cause for which you are contending. "It is no time to go to the collar to hunt rats for their vermin when the eagle itself is on fire." Think, then, of the responsibility that rests upon one and all of you, and discharge your duty like faithful patriots and true Democrats.

Large figures in lath-work denoting the denomination will be in the centre of the back of each "stamp" or "note," surrounded by the words "Exchangeable for United States notes by any Assistant Treasury, or designated United States Depository, in sums not less than five dollars. Receivable in payment of all dues to the United States less than five dollars. Act approved July 17, 1862."

The notes will be executed in the highest style of the art, and every possible precaution will be taken to prevent counterfeiting.

THE "NO PARTY" HUMBUC—THE PRESS.

When we hear a man of sense declaim in favor of the "no-party" fraud, we regard him either a humbug or one lacking in integrity. "Let us bury party differences, and all go in for our country," are words calculated to tickle the public ear, and receive plaudits from an audience. But, who are the men (whether they be Democrats or Republicans), who use this language? JOHN V. FORNEY dealt in this kind of twaddle at the late Harrisburg Republican State Convention, and after doing so recorded the resolution endorsing the extreme if not treasonable course of Senator DAVE WILSON! That was a discarding party, with a vengeance. Indeed, we might go on and show that every man who uses this clap-trap language is an extremist in politics, and has no idea whatever of yielding one jot or tittle of his political dogmas—Republicanism again to triumph in our old beloved Pennsylvania? We trot not.

We repeat, therefore, that these "no-party" professions are used by demagogues for deceptive purposes; and we doubt that man's integrity who resorts to them. What! because we are, most unfortunately for our country, plunged into a fratricidal war—a war that has already drenched many portions of our fair land in blood—because, we say, we are involved in this unnatural contest, must we yield all the political opinions we have heretofore cherished, and which were taught us by our fathers? For one—and we think we speak the sentiments of all honest Democrats—we will do no such thing. We have, since earliest manhood, advocated certain principles, because we believed those principles best calculated to enhance and cement our institutions and perpetuate the Government; and we will continue to pursue this policy so long as we can wield a pen, the mock professions of viscerates to the contrary notwithstanding. Nay more, we shall continue to exercise a freeman's privilege, and denounce and condemn that which, in our judgment, we conceive to be wrong, we care not where that wrong originates. And we are the Abolitionists persist in their dare-devil efforts of making this a war against slavery and the Constitution, instead of a war for the restoration of the Union, we shall condemn their untenable heresy from the house tops; and we would like to see the creature who would dare attempt to silence us. This is our position, and we will adhere to it to the bitter end.

To support the war, and to hold up the hands of our authorities in all constitutional measures used by them to put down the rebellion, is a duty we all owe—a duty we all acknowledge. But, we need not abandon our political convictions to do this. As well might our hundreds of religious sects be asked to give up their peculiar views. We can be all of one opinion—and we hope we are—and desire to see this wicked rebellion crushed, but we cannot, and will not be of one opinion politically. The press is the great exponent of public opinion, and the man who affects to sneer at its power or to denounce it because of its strictures on public measures, is not so ready to condemn when he wants its support to fust his himself into office. To the press more than to any other influence are the people indebted for the correction of abuses. We believe the comments, denunciations, if you please, of the press, since the commencement of the war, have saved hundreds of millions to our treasury, and prevented bad men from running the Ship of State upon the shoals and quicksands that threatened and still threaten it. Yes, the criticisms of the press, instead of being deleterious, tend to do good. And even criminations and re-animations (if personalities are not indulged in) will cause the people to think and reflect before they decide. Tyrants dread the press, and many a tyrant has been forced from his prey by its well-directed blows. Away with the two-faced man, then, who joins in the cry of "no party," and who would muzzle the press and condemn it for exposing error and villainy. No such nondescript can deceive either Democrats or honest Republicans.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.—The designs for the postage stamps to be used as currency were adopted on Wednesday, and are now in the hands of the engraver. They are to be of four denominations, viz: five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents. All will be printed on bank note paper, and the fives and tens will be two and five-eighths inches, and the twenty-five and fifty three inches in length; and all are one and three-quarter inches wide.

The fives and twenty-fives will be brown, the tens and fifties green.

On the upper corners of the faces will be the denomination in white figures on a dark ground.

The fives will have in the centre the five cent postage stamp, with a "5" in geometrical lath-work on each side. The tens will have a ten cent stamp, with "10" on each side.

The twenty-fives will have five five-cent stamps, partly overlapping from the left to the right, and the fifties, five ten-cent stamps, similarly disposed.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE ABOLITIONISTS.

The President's declaration that the country cannot afford to lose the support of the abolitionists, is so well and forcibly answered by the Boston Post, that we copy its remarks entire: "The President compromises his own dignity and wounds the patriotism of the nation when he says the country cannot afford to lose the support of men in favor of Hunter's limited and great people he represents when he timidly acquiesces in his slave policy because the ultra Abolitionists are dissatisfied at his adherence to the Constitution, and are pressing their extreme measures upon him with increasing tenacity. The reply to the President is mainly, dignified, just. They only ask our States observe their constitutional duties as faithfully as the Border States observe theirs, and the Union will be restored—peace reign throughout the land and prosperity again bless its people. Cannot afford to lose the Wades the Lovejoys, the Summers, Garrison, Phillips—men who denounce the Constitution given to us by Washington and his contemporaries as does Jeff. Davis—men who thank God for the Union, and regret at the repulse of our armies who congratulate their fellows that the rock of our Union has been split, and that the wedge is being driven in to the fissure? Why, their loss would be a gain to the free States in many respects in the body politic, and if they could be eradicated—lost forever—if their lips could be sealed and their hands palsied—the country would be relieved from an incubus, which has been the principal cause of its distress and danger. Cannot afford to lose nothing to apprehend from such men but by yielding to them he has only to be true to his oath to support the Constitution and to faithfully administer the laws, and all he will lose will be the respect of those who are his enemies. If he would say to his countrymen, 'The guide is the Constitution—where that leads I follow—where that stops I stop—my duty is to sustain that Constitution—to enforce obedience to those who resist the Government in the performance of its obligations must accept the legitimate consequences—loss of liberty, life property—' without distinction of color—'but those faithful to its requirements, shall find it an impregnable shield of protection; we will not move them give. If faction in South or North—West—interpose to defeat a just and impartial administration of the Government, it shall be stricken down.' Let him say this and the words would be hailed as the voice of salvation to a distracted country; conditions of loyalty would be sought, and the nation rise in its majesty, purified, to vindicate its insulted honor, its outraged Constitution, and its sacred rights. 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