



CLEARFIELD, PA.

Wednesday Morning July 16, 1862

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
JACOB SLENNER, of Union co.FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
JAMES P. BARR, of Allegheny co.

Summary of the New Rules for conducting the Democratic Primary Election

The following summary of the provisions of the new Rules for conducting the Democratic Primary Elections in Clearfield is respectfully submitted to our Democratic friends. In presenting them we would take the liberty of remarking that every man depends upon the Vigilance Committees in the several Districts, and in order that no mistakes occur, and that a fair expression of the party is not only had at the polls, but that this same expression may be carried out in the Convention of Return Judges, it is important that each Committee man shall make himself perfectly acquainted with all its provisions:

1st. No candidate shall be voted for whose name is not in three newspapers preceding the election.

2d. The election is held as under the Crawford system. The people vote for the candidate of their choice; a written return is made out and signed by the board; the people at the same time elect two Return Judges or Delegates.

3d. No return will be received unless made out, signed by the board, and produced by the Return Judges of the township shown to have been elected.

4th. At the meeting of the Return Judges, (or Convention, as it is called,) the returns are counted up, and if any candidate has a majority of the whole vote cast, he is the nominee.

5th. If no candidate has a majority of the whole vote cast, then the lowest candidate on the popular vote is dropped from the return.

6th. After dropping the lowest on the return, the Return Judges of each District are entitled to cast the democratic vote of their district at the preceding election for Governor.

7th. A ballot is then had for the candidates remaining on the return, each Return Judge being compelled to vote for the highest candidate on the return from his district, so long as any such remain.

8th. If, upon this ballot, any candidate has a majority of the whole democratic vote of the county, he is the nominee; if no majority is had, then the lowest candidate upon the list is again dropped, and the same process is pursued until some one is nominated by a majority of the whole democratic vote.

9th. We have heretofore accused our neighbor of the *Journal* with *stealing* its editorials from the *N. Y. Tribune*, Harrisburg *Telegraph*, and kindred Abolition sheets. Let us be suspected of unfairness towards our neighbor, we would take this occasion to say that his last issue formed an exception, and that no one would be foolish enough to think that the effusions therein—with a single exception—had ever seen the light of day before. They are original in every sense of the word—almost the raw material—as green as a goose's baby; and read very much like the amateur "compositions" of a school-boy; so much so, indeed, that we are half inclined to suspect that a strange "cat" has broken into the editorial "pasture" of our neighbor. His productions are a strange medley—a sort of conglomeration admixture of decomposed ideas—having an odor of the school-room, the law office and the paint-shop—as if the author might be part pedagogue, part lawyer, and part painter—but leaving an impression upon the minds of his readers that he could make an editorial chair much better than he can fill one.

IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.—At the request of President Lincoln the members of Congress from the Border Slaveholding States had an interview with him on Saturday last. It is reported that the resident earnestly urged upon them the acceptance of his plan of Emancipation with compensation, intimating that if they rejected this offer Emancipation without compensation would be resorted to.

This interview, at this particular time, has most important significance, and it will be well for our readers to "stick 'em here."

10th. A Yankee having a brother wounded in one of the battles before Richmond called on Mr. Seward to get a pass to go and see him, but it was no go. A happy thought struck our friend, and acting upon it he procured some black paint and painted himself black, and otherwise disguised himself to have the appearance of a negro, when he was allowed to go any place.

MORE TALL TIMOTHY.—Wm. P. Read, of Lawrence township, has left at our office five stalks of timothy, raised on his farm, averaging from 5 ft. 3 inches to 5 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length—one of the heads 11 ins

this time, and the price of the country is demanding the sacrifice of a week's work.

Mr. Weston being a mercenary, to obey the orders of the President, which it appears I would show the troops retained—the minimum was now reduced so as to be between two persons. The greater consisted in sacrificing and dividing the great army of the Potomac, and the others in sending Abraham Lincoln to overseer it. McClellan—there is no third man at all. The general should in his judgment, and only be deposed at office, but after the extreme gravity of the case." Again "in spite of the spleenful efforts of the breakaway Valandigham politicians and editors to belittle its character and talents, this Congress will have a position in history which will challenge the admiration of the intelligent and candid world for all time to come." And again "American soldiers, who are taken prisoners by these rebels, are executed on the felonies scalped and 'withered' by this same Breckinridge-Vallandigham Democracy." With these General McClellan is not the great and good and loyal man, to whose master genius the country is now indebted for the salvation of the army before Richmond—surprised by the base intrigues of the political wire-pullers of the *Telegraph*—that the people are taught to believe, but the mere "pet" of the Democratic party.

These are not all, but are merely given as specimens, of the mean and contemptible slanders that weekly pollute their *Telegraph*. We can tell them that such language becomes neither their years, their lineage, nor the occasion, no matter how gloomy and unpromising may be their political prospects. They may search the history of the Democracy of Clearfield county from the day of its organization, and we deny them to point to a single sentiment ever breathed by it that was not in perfect harmony with the perpetuation of the Union and the Constitution; and they may take its sturdy and intelligent yeomanry man by man, and they will not find a solitary disloyal heart, but every man will proclaim in their ears, in tones that will make them shrink and cringe like whipped spaniels, that he is for the Union as it was, and the Constitution as it is, and that he looks upon Secessionists and Abolitionists as equally the enemy of both.

With these facts staring them in the face, these men weekly reiterate the foul and false and slanderous charge that the Democracy are disloyal, that they are "opposed to sustaining the laws and preserving the Union," and that the "rebels" are "sympathetic with and upheld" by them. But let it all pass.

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Who is Responsible?

The question of who is responsible for the weakness of Gen. McClellan's army, and our consequent repulse before Richmond, is now the all-absorbing topic of discussion in the East. The New York *Herald*, Philadelphia *Bulletin*, and the conservative press generally, attribute the division of the army of the Potomac and the refusal to send reinforcements to General McClellan, to Mr. Stanton, Secretary of War, and call loudly for his dismissal from office; whilst others attribute the fault elsewhere. Senator Chamberlain of Michigan—who was one of the bitterest enemies of Compromise and a peaceful judgment of our difficulties in 1861, of which all our troubles might have been averted—and who then said that all the South needed was "a little bad policy"—thinks Mr. Stanton is entirely blameless, and the fault either with President Lincoln or Gen. McClellan—and pretty plainly hints that, in his opinion, it is with the former. In the Senate on the 17th inst., the following debate took place:

Mr. Carlile moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, and argued that as the United States could fill the vacant judgeships in the South, there was no need for these new officers, as their was no power to appoint them. He held that Messrs. Johnson and Stanton, sent respectively to Tennessee and North Carolina as adjutants to the military power, did not imply the necessity or authority to appoint such governors by law.

Mr. Wilkinson opposed the postponement. He contended it was the duty of the Government to enforce the laws within all its constitutional limits, and that the doctrine urged by the Senators from Pennsylvania and Virginia were simply doctrines of secession.

Mr. Cowan replied that the only way the Union could be restored was that every part should enjoy their rights—in any other way it could not succeed. He looked upon the schemes to thrust emancipation down the throats of the South in the same light as he would an attempt of the South to thrust slavery on the North. He wanted to make friends at the south, and not make weapons against us. When is now the great army?

Mr. Chamberlain said the Senator from Pennsylvania wanted to know where the army was. The army of the Potomac, when it marched on Manassas, numbered 20,000 men, and the enemy less than 30,000. They marched on Manassas, and found thirty two wooden guns and eleven hundred dead horses. He believed that the army could have marched to Richmond in thirty days, and not have lost a thousand men, and there would have been no impediment to its marching to Charleston or New Orleans. But the Senator from Penn's wants to know who placed the army where they are. The Press, politicians and traitors to the country declare that E. M. Stanton put them there, but Stanton had nothing to do with putting the army in the marshes of the Chickahominy. This is a matter of criminality—gross criminality, which should consign the criminals to eternal detection and condemnation.

THE CONFISCATION BILL PASSED.—The bill confiscating the property of rebels has passed both Houses of Congress, and only awaits the signature of the President to become a law. It provides for the setting free of all slaves of rebel masters, and authorizes the President to employ all negroes in such manner as he sees proper.

The country demands a sacrifice for this cause, and the press of the country is demanding the sacrifice of a week's work.

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FROM THE BUCK TAIL REGIMENT

OFFICIAL REPORT OF M. J. STONE

HEADQUARTERS IN RICHMOND, VA., JUN 27, 1862.

Battledore on Gaines's Hill, June 27, 1862.

Gen. J. F. Reynolds, Comdt. Brig. I.

GENERAL.—I leave this hour to report

that yesterday, at 1 o'clock p.m., while my

regiment (six companies) was doing picket

duty on the extreme right of our line,

two companies occupying the salient and

Meadow Bridge over the Chickahominy

River, and another (one company) on the

left bank of the Chickahominy, between

Gaines's Bridge and Alton's Station.

Captain Irvin's company was deployed

across the bridge road, three hundred yards

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