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Information Wanted.

Some very strange reports are current about the pay and mileage of members and officers of the last Legislature from Lancaster county. We can scarcely believe that there is any truth in them, but still it is a matter of importance to the people, as well as to the representatives and officers themselves, that the truth should be known. Who will enlighten us?

Remember!

Frauds, forgeries, false naturalization papers, and, if needs be, MURDER, will be resorted to by the Copperheads to succeed next fall. The blood of the poor Irishman, Casey, in Clearfield county, because he testified against the villainies of the Copperheads in the 14th Senatorial District last fall, is evidence of the means they will resort to. Be prepared for them, Republicans!

If there had been a Democratic Congress at Washington during the last three years, six hundred millions of dollars would have been saved to the tax payers of this country.—Bedford Gazette.

At least one hundred millions of dollars were stolen from the Government during the last year by the Democratic whiskey ring, and there is not now a single Democratic Congressman who is not an agent and interested counsel for the ring at Washington.

OUR circulation is now fully four thousand five hundred, being an increase during the last week of four hundred. As this is fourth of July week, and people busy in the harvest fields, this increase is very large and encouraging.

WE take no notice of anonymous communications.

A Berks County Incident on the Fourth.

One of the Sunday Schools of the city of Reading celebrated the Fourth, as usual, in a beautiful grove about a mile below town, on the south side of the Schuylkill river. Within a hundred yards of the ground stands a two story brick house, and a well of excellent water in the yard. The premises belong to and are occupied by an old woman—a true representative of the generation of old school democrats who are about passing away. By means of padlocks and chains, she had fastened the gates to the yard and obstinately refused to allow a single drop of water to be taken away for the use of the children. The committee offered to pay her liberally for any wear or damage to her property, but all such offers, and all appeals were answered: "Ich du's net!" "ken droppa," "bleib mer yusht fum hoff," &c. ("I won't;" "not a drop;" "just keep out of the yard!") Whilst one of the committee men was making his most eloquent plea for water—in the name of humanity—an individual who just happened to be along ventured to mix in, and by pretending to sympathize with the old woman, succeeded in gaining her confidence. The dialogue was as follows:

"Ei mommy, du bist doch an Demokrat?" (Why, mammy, are you not a Demokrat?) "Ei uf course bin ich, un geaya all des fort-of-July un shoola un all so deifelei wu yusht shlechty sacha in dena kinner ehra kep dut." (Of course I am, and against all this Fourth of July and school deviltry, which only puts evil into the heads of children.) "Awer, mommy, de doh sin yoh all uf eier seit—des sin louter demokratishe kinner un mer sin all down uf de frei shoola un so stuf." (But mammy, these are all on your side—all Democrats, and down on schools and the like.)

"Doch now net! Well, donn, nemmt so fiel wasser das der wellet, for der sind welcome—awer bleib mer yusht week mit all dem ferdeivelta frei school stuf. (You don't say! Well, then, take as much water as you want, for you are welcome—but away with all this devilish free school stuff.)

Of course, a bountiful supply of God's pure beverage was gratefully accepted by the thirsty hundreds in the grove, and the slight departure from strict truth, which induced the intensely Democratic old lady to open her gate, if not her heart, was, after some discussion, deemed excusable as an act of necessity on the glorious Fourth.

The National Copperhead Convention.

The National Convention, representing the Rebels, Traitors, Blacklegs, Repudiators, Whiskey Rings, Infidels, Prize Fighters, Shoulder Hitters, Bounty Jumpers, Assassins, Forgers of naturalization papers, and Copperheads, under the general name of "Democracy," assembled in that cesspool of nations—New York city—on Saturday last. The day was spent in organizing temporarily, appointing committees, &c. Sunday was *phit* through principally in and around the grogeries, dens of prostitution and similar democratic institutions. On Monday the Convention reassembled, and Hon. Horatio Seymour, of New York, was chosen Permanent President. Among those who figured prominently on the floor of the Convention, was Hon. Hiestor Clymer of Berks. On Tuesday, after adopting the "platform of principles," the first ballot resulted as follows:

Pendleton, of Ohio, 105; Johnson, (A. J.) 65; English, of Connecticut, 16; Hendricks, of Indiana, 24; Johnson, of Maryland, 84; Doolittle, of Wisconsin, 13; Parker, of New Jersey, 13; Packer, of Pennsylvania, 26; Church, of New York, 33; Blair of Missouri, 4.

On the 18th ballot, on Wednesday evening, Hancock had 144; Pendleton, 56; Hendricks, 87; Parker, 3; A. Johnson, 10; Doolittle, 12, and Hoffman, 3, when they adjourned until 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

THE LATEST—Just before going to press we received a dispatch, announcing the nomination of Horatio Seymour, who avowed himself the friend of the burners, of the colored Orphan's Home, at New York during the copper-rebel riot of 1863.

Give us a Registry Law.

The terrible howl raised by the Copperheads throughout the State against the Registry law—at the time of its passage—and their great joy over the decision of the Supreme Court, declaring said enactment unconstitutional, (on account of a mere clerical error) should satisfy all in authority that our only safeguard against the most stupendous Copperhead frauds at the coming election is the prompt passage of such a law, so framed as to leave no doubt about its constitutionality. We are glad to learn that a number of Republican members of the Legislature are petitioning our patriotic Governor to call an extra session for this purpose.

Impeachment.

On Tuesday last, Hon. Thaddeus Stevens presented to the House five additional articles of impeachment, arrainging President Johnson for overt illegal acts committed during his administration.—The articles present a compend of the numerous and flagrant acts of the Executive in violation of his powers and duties, and in contravention of the functions with which the Constitution has clothed him. Mr. Stevens supported the articles in an able speech, in which he reviewed his history of the impeachment remedy in England and this country. He then passes in review the enormous crimes the President has been guilty of against the country.

The concluding portion of his speech is an enunciation of his faith in the perpetuity of that government where public virtue is esteemed. The speech as a whole is a masterly effort. Although it is not the purpose of Mr. Stevens to have his resolution acted upon immediately, as its temporary postponement indicates, nevertheless the substance of the articles and the tone and tenor of the speech serve to show the American people how guilty their Executive has been, and what a great criminal the disaffection of a few weak and foolish men has allowed to go unwhipped of justice. We regret that our limited space prevents us from giving this masterly speech in full. We clip the concluding paragraph, which will be read with great interest:

"Mr. Speaker, Providence has placed us here in a political Eden. All we have to do is to avoid the forbidden fruit, for we have not yet reached the perfection of justice. While nature has given us every advantage of soil, climate, and geographical position, man still is vile. But such large steps have lately been taken in the true direction, that the patriotic has a right to take courage.

"My sands are nearly run, and I can only see with the eye of faith; I am fast descending the downhill of life, at the foot of which stands an open grave; but you, sir, are promised length of days and a brilliant career. If you and your compeers can fling away ambition and realize that every human being, however lowly-born or degraded by fortune, is your equal, that every inalienable right which belongs to you belongs also to him, truth and righteousness will spread over the land, and you will look down from the top of the Rocky Mountains upon an empire of one hundred millions of happy people.

"Still, we must remember not to place our trust in princes, for we have seen that in the richest heart, the most highly cultivated mind, adorned with every literary grace, keen in argument as the Stagfite, and fortified with an outward shield of bronzed austerity which seemed to forbid the approach of levity or corruption, this richest composition of human mould may be the abode of malignity, avarice, corroding lust, and uncontrollable ambition, as the owl, the prairie dog, and rattlesnake nestle together in loving harmony in the richest soil of the prairie.

If Salmon P. Chase is not utterly abandoned, that last paragraph must have made him wriggle like a skinned eel, if he ventured to read it.

Besser Sag Nix Derfoo!

When some wealthy men in New York, shortly after President Johnson's accession to office, tendered him a valuable carriage, the President declined the present, because it would be an impropriety in him to accept private gifts. Gen. Grant has no such nice sense of propriety.—Reading Gazette.

How about that gold watch which the colored people of Tennessee presented to A. J., when he promised to be their Moses? And how about that lot of Berks county whiskey which was shipped to him not long ago by the whiskey ring of Reading—about the time when the senior editor of the Gazette—Congressman Getz—was engaged "fixing up" that little matter between the whiskey ring aforesaid and the Revenue Department at Washington?

Treasury Robbers.

How many more millions have been stolen from the people "by collusion" among Radical officials, will, perhaps, never be known. Enough is already known to prove that the only way to save the Treasury from wholesale robbery, and the nation from financial ruin, is to remove the Radical thieves from power, and put good Democrats in their places.—Reading Eagle.

Will this Berks county organ of Democratic honesty and purity inform us whether its Congressman, Maj. J. Lawrence Getz, did not aid and assist, before the Revenue Department at Washington, in hushing up a number of whiskey and beer frauds perpetrated by his Democratic constituents of Reading, and whether many thousands of dollars were not "stolen from the people" by Democratic and Conservative officials and politicians in and for Old Berks? Come, gentlemen, toe the mark!

The Great General.

The Copperheads are constantly parading the assertion that General Grant recklessly sacrificed his troops. The fact is, before he took command, the army of the Potomac lost in killed, wounded and missing, principally under McClellan, on the Peninsula, and through Fitz John Porter's treachery at second Bull Run, 145,118 men, whilst the losses under Grant, whose fighting crushed the rebellion, amounted to 106,501 men.

The Copperhead Platform.

The platform, as presented to the New York Convention on Tuesday, and swallowed whole by that body, ought to satisfy every person who, during the war, was disloyal, and who either fought against the national flag, or rejoiced whenever it was defeated. Briefly stated, the platform is this:

Immediate restoration of all the States—that is, that the States which were in rebellion shall be allowed to resume all political privileges, without indemnity for the past or security for the future.

Amnesty to all offenders—that Jefferson Davis, John H. Surratt, John C. Breckinridge and John C. Braine ought not to be persecuted for their little peccadilloes. Also, that the said individuals, and all offenders against the laws, ought to be admitted at once to full political rights, so that the same men who rebelled because they could not rule the United States may be insured the privilege of control once more.

Repudiation of the public debt by the substitution of currency for payments meant to be, and which were represented by the officers of the Government should be, in gold.

Equal taxation of all property, including Government bonds. This is nonsense. Equal taxation is not desired, and it would be unjust. The design is, by taxing the bonds, to assist further in the scheme of repudiation.

Equal currency to all classes, &c., means repudiation, also, under another name.

Economy in administration, reduction of the army and navy, abolition of the Freedman's Bureau, &c., is a declaration that the nation ought to weaken her hands so as to allow Southern insolence to ride high once more, and to give over the blacks to their old taskmasters.

The declaration in reference to economy in the collection of taxes, &c., are really declarations against taxation, and in favor of unlimited repudiation.

These are the chief planks of the platform. There are numerous others, which are made of similar wood, the whole of the resolutions being broad and determined declarations against national honesty, national honor and national justice.

The people will again, as they have so often done before, repudiate the platform and its rebel builders.

Organize! Organize!!

It is time that our Republican friends should understand that, if they expect to make their majority of the votes of this State effective at the polls in October and November, it will be only accomplished by perfecting their organization and inaugurating an active and thorough canvass. We can assure them that, at no time have the opposition laid their plans of operation broader or deeper, or with a more determined resolution to achieve success in some way and at any cost. The habitual, traditional tactics of that party are gross outrages against the laws, and flagrant invasions of the purity of the suffrage. They enter upon the canvass this year with a determination to carry it, and to this end they not only mean to poll every vote lawfully within their reach, but will repeat the villainous frauds of the last autumn, on a still more extended scale. They will colonize in one district, repeat in another, and everywhere that they can will swamp the boxes with fraudulent and forged certificates of naturalization. The Clearfield villainies of 1867, to this day unpunished, will be repeated, with confidence in a continued impunity, in other localities of the Commonwealth, and wherever unlawful votes can be forced into the boxes, men will be found and the effort will be made. In short, the Copperheads intend to carry Pennsylvania, not by a fair poll, for they know that to have been for eight years synonymous with Copperhead defeats, but by the unsparring use of every outrageous fraud that experience, impunity and nerve can suggest. Then meet them, friends of Grant and Colfax, by honest, earnest, effective ORGANIZATION.

Infamous!

The *Intelligencer* copies with great gusto a sketch of celebrities attending the rebel copperhead convention at New York. Read the following:

"One of the most noticeable men in the convention is Gen. Napoleon Bonaparte Forrest—the hero of Fort Pillow—tall, well-formed, nervous, and evidently not disinclined to attract attention."

"The hero of Fort Pillow" indeed! The cold blooded murderer of Union soldiers after they had surrendered. And this bloody scoundrel is complimented by men—no, not men, THINGS—who in the same paper have the unparalleled impudence to claim the support of the brave "Boys in Blue" for candidates nominated by such cut-throats as Forrest, Hampton, Mosby and the like. Can impudence further go?

Attention Cops!

We would direct the attention of the Saur Kraut Gorillas and others to the following card:

U. S. GRANT. SCHUYLER COLFAX, GRANT & COLFAX, TANNERS, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully inform the people of the United States that they will be engaged in tanning some old rotten Democratic hides, until after the 10th day of November, 1868.

The senior member of the firm, having considerable experience in the business, thinks that, by the help of his partner, all work will be done in a satisfactory manner.

Reference—Generals Buckner, Pemberton, R. E. Lee, and other distinguished persons of the same persuasion.

The Black Flag.

The platform of the Ku-Klux Wilkes Booth Copperhead "Democracy," is REPUDIATION. This is its practical feature—all else is clap-trap and demagogery. REPUDIATION—bare, bold and unblushing—is the black flag under which the party of treason will sail. We accept the issue, and "will fight it out on that line."

Father Abraham's Chips.

FELONY is the distinctive badge of the Copperheads—a party of crime and fraud. Heretofore its most efficient argument has been ASSASSINATION—now it is REPUDIATION of honest debts. A precious set of villainies!

THE dough-faced Wilkes Booth Ku-Kluxers at New York dared not own the soldiery of the Republic in the presence of the leaders of the rebel Confederacy. How Hampton and the bloody murderer Forrest (who the *Intelligencer* styles a hero!) must have despised the trembling cowards who thus denied their flag and its bearers! They must have dreamed themselves back on their old plantations before the war, when they saw these "Democrats" (heaven save the mark!)—as they never saw the negro soldiers, at Fort Pillow or anywhere else—cowed!

JUDGE WOODWARD, the man who decided as Judge of the Supreme Court, that soldiers in the field had no right to vote, was the man who presented the committee of soldiers to the Copperhead National Convention. What a friend of the soldiers these Ku-Kluxers are!

THE Ku-Klux Wilkes Booth Cops. have not a word to say in their platform for the country, or aught a patriot holds dear. Not one word for a land saved and freedom gained, and most damning of all, not one word of gratitude or thanks to the soldiers, who squelched treason and traitors. And yet this party of rebels and their sympathizers have the hardihood to claim that the soldiers will support their candidate! Can impudence and assurance further go?

A FELLOW named Ewing, who was a General in the Union army during the war, said in a speech at New York that he wanted to "associate with thousands against whom we fought during the war!" meaning, of course, rebels who starved Union soldiers at Andersonville and other hell-holes in the South. He's a pretty representative of Union soldiers, truly! How do you like him, brave Boys in Blue?

THE Lancaster *Intelligencer* calls the butcher Forrest, the hero of Fort Pillow, and styles Gen. Grant a butcher! Can any true Union soldier stand that? Let us have a look at him!

ROBERT E. LEE and his Democratic Generals met in council on the 4th of July, 1863, near Gettysburg, Pa., and unanimously resolved to "git." Pemberton and his generals met in council at Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863, and unanimously resolved to accept the polite invitation of General Grant to surrender "unconditionally." The meeting of Democratic Generals in New York on the 4th of July, 1868, will be followed by the great final triumph of Union, Liberty and Civilization over fraud, tyranny and treachery.

THE North Carolina Legislature having organized, both Houses adopted the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The Legislature of Louisiana has also adopted the amendment.

I NEVER was in favor of general amnesty until the time should come when it would be safe to give it.—Grant.

I STATED the law was binding upon me, constitutional or not, until set aside by the proper tribunal—a doctrine that will do to stand by.—Grant.

If chosen President, I shall have no policy of my own to enforce against the will of the people.—Grant.

THE notorious Toombs, of Georgia, is organizing the Democratic party of that State, composed principally of the men he recently commanded in the armies of the rebellion.

THE New York *Tribune* predicts that Grant and Colfax will receive more votes than were ever given before to a presidential ticket, and a larger majority than Lincoln received over McClellan.

THE *Springfield Republican* avers that there are thousands of Democrats who, notwithstanding the clamour against military Presidents, like a general who knows and minds his own business better than a Chief Justice who don't.

THE new Democratic campaign badge—the apple blossom—is to be worn on the nose.

THE Tallahassee (Florida) *Sentinel* has changed proprietors and hoisted the Republican flag. Long may it wave!