

"Father Abraham."

CIRCULATION OVER 5000.

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"I shall have no policy of my own to enforce against the will of the people."—GRANT.

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CANDID.

The paper carried about by a distinguished (!) Duke street lawyer, extinguished ex-member of the Legislature, and a twice defeated candidate for Senatorial honors—of large pretensions and no brains—asking a gentleman of this county to break his political neck in a tilt against Mr. Stevens, was presented to a worn-out politician of the county a few days ago. On being asked to sign it, he said: "Certainly, for I never voted for Stevens!" That's the kind of people who are moving in this matter. Let them alone!

Pertinent.

"Has Mr. Stevens informed the Express and the aspiring Congressmen of Lancaster county that his seat is vacant?"—asks a correspondent of the Examiner. Who will answer?

That's So!

"The people will certainly continue Mr. Stevens in Congress until the message comes for him to go up higher." A true remark by a "Constituent" in the Examiner.

It is Wondered

How that paper asking a prominent citizen to become a candidate for Congress against Mr. Stevens is getting along. Rather slim, we guess.

A number of our Republican exchanges, in publishing the Grant and Colfax electoral ticket, contain an error—"Morris Hooper" as the elector for this (9th) district. The correct name is MARIS HOOPES.

We take the liberty of curtailing the length of the communication of QUERIE, as it was too long for our limited space. Besides, we want facts only.

"We hope Father Abraham will not get his back up."—York True Democrat.

Beaver tipped! But behave yourself.

FATHER ABRAHAM can now be purchased from almost every respectable news dealer in Eastern Pennsylvania.

THADDEUS STEVENS.

The five thousand readers of FATHER ABRAHAM in Lancaster county have a very natural desire to know whether the hue and cry raised against their representative in Congress, THADDEUS STEVENS, is or is not without good cause.

We have not the space, if we had the inclination, to enter into a discussion of the views of "the Great Commoner" on the financial situation of the country. We can only now repeat, that in Mr. Stevens' recent speech, he simply reiterated the substance of his letter about a year ago, upon the same subject, to JOHN GYGER, Esq., of this city. His present assailants then not only published, but emphatically endorsed said views and his superior financial sagacity.

For the purpose of showing up the unfairness, if not motives, of those who ventured upon the job of decrying Mr. Stevens, in the hope of filling his place with one of the well-known greedy applicants for the position, who are well-known in this community as the instigators of these attacks upon him, we copy the following editorial preface, with a letter from Mr. Stevens and editorial comment thereon, as we find it in the Express of last Saturday:

LETTER FROM HON. THADDEUS STEVENS. The following letter was received from Mr. Stevens by a friend in a neighboring town, in reply to one he had written him on the subject which is now the cause of so much comment. It will doubtless be read with interest:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 23, 1868. Dear Sir, I have not declared for Seymour and Blair, and never expect to. I have only declared against fools and swindlers, who have fabricated the most atrocious falsehoods as to my position upon the currency question.

When I am a little stronger I shall give a full history of this matter, which will put the fellows to shame, if they are capable of blushing. I shall take care and protect the tax payers from swindlers, by making every man pay and receive just according to his contract.

THADDEUS STEVENS. We cannot help expressing the hope that when he acquires the requisite strength to give the history here promised, Mr. Stevens will find it consistent with his views of propriety to avoid the distinguishing characteristic of the above letter. For a person to assert that his opponents in an argument are fools and swindlers, furnishes no evidence either of his own wisdom or the strength of his position.

Now we only ask the intelligent reader carefully to compare the letter with that part of the editorial comment which appears in italics, and he will have no difficulty in convicting the editor, beyond the shadow of a doubt, of wilful and deliberate misrepresentation! Mr. Stevens did not "assert that his opponents in an argument are fools and swindlers," as alleged. He did say: "I have only declared against fools and swindlers who have fabricated the most atrocious falsehoods." Surely the publication of the above letter and comments, must strike every intelligent reader as a very great editorial blunder on the part of the Express, as the falsity and unfairness of the editorial is clearly proven by the letter itself.

But, unless fabrication and misrepresentation is resorted to, all charges against Mr. Stevens of infidelity to the great Republican party instantly disappear. His own declaration, in the very speech in question, that he fully "endorses and holds to the Chicago (Republican) platform" settles the question, if his hungry assailants are of sufficient importance to raise a question as to his soundness upon the great issues of the day—Reconstruction, Liberty, Union and Finance. In conclusion we lay before our readers the following ten-liner from the Examiner of last Saturday, which we heartily endorse:

DISCUSSING.—To see professing Republicans engaged in the business of hunting down Thaddeus Stevens. The men who fluttered in the light of his national fame, are now engaged in the dishonorable task of obscuring or putting it out altogether. It is a hopeless task, however, and those engaged in it will in the end discover that all their efforts tended but to burn off their own wings.

Let Us Have Peace.

The work of reconstruction is nearly complete. It has already been protracted beyond reason by factious, frenzied resistance. It is high time that all rights were secured, all fears dispelled, all parties disarmed. The country cannot afford to revive all the feuds and perils of the last four years. We need assurance that we are near the end of our troubles, not about to renew them. There is no public security, there is scarcely any property, other than arms and munitions, that will not be worth more from the glad moment wherein the telegraph announces the certain election of Grant and Colfax.

Send Them On.

It is understood that the Democratic National Committee are arranging for a brigade of speakers from the South. Let them come by all means. Let them crack their whips over Democratic backs. The party needs bringing up to the advance line taken by Blair, Hampton, Forrest, Vance, Wise and the rest. So let the plantation man come. We hope to see no squirming by the weak-kneed, sickly-stomached Democrats hereabouts.

Pennsylvania.

In every Copperhead estimate of the result of the election next November, Pennsylvania is set down as "sure" for Seymour, and by adding such Republican States as Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Nevada and Ohio, they manage to cypher up a sufficient number of electors to give success to the "friend" of the New York negro killers and orphan asylum burners of 1863. But no Copperhead estimate we have seen—not even the most extravagant—pretends to elect their candidates without Pennsylvania. On the other hand, we can elect Grant and Colfax without Pennsylvania, New York or Ohio, simply by polling our votes in the remainder of the Republican States.

But, one word in regard to Pennsylvania. We claim to know something about the condition of the Republican party at this time. We have letters and communications from the most prominent and active Republicans in all parts of the State. FATHER ABRAHAM is read in fifty-one out of the sixty-seven counties of Pennsylvania, and we feel entirely safe in saying that Pennsylvania will not cast her electoral vote for Seymour; that it is not at all doubtful, but entirely sure for Grant and Colfax by twenty thousand majority. In Philadelphia, since the District Attorneyship has been satisfactorily arranged, our friends are entirely confident of victory. The glorious Old Guard—LANCASTER COUNTY—is waking up, and will poll her overwhelming Republican vote solid for Grant and Colfax.

In Berks county the Cops are cut up into various local factions and cliques, and it is not believed possible for them to give near as large a majority as they did when Clymer was beaten 17,000 in the State. In Schuylkill, Carbon, Northampton, Lehigh and Montgomery, we have reason to believe the Copperhead majorities will be materially reduced, and so also in the Southern counties—York, Adams, Cumberland, Fulton and Franklin. In a word, PENNSYLVANIA CONTAINS A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND. The only question is whether our own voters shall or shall not be brought to the polls. We need no new converts, yet all honest Copperheads are invited to wash and comb themselves, and come over into our ranks. All we do need is work—thorough and perfect organization in every ward, borough and township throughout the State. Above all, we must make our best effort to poll our full vote on the second Tuesday in October next, for HARTRANFT and CAMPBELL, for Auditor General and Surveyor General. And now is the time to commence the work of organization everywhere.

If it is done, as we doubt not it will be, the good old Keystone State will not give less than twenty thousand majority for Grant and Colfax.

Seymour Indicted.

Horatio Seymour stands indicted for: 1. Inciting to riot, 2. Yielding to rioters their demands on the Government, at the peril of the nation. 3. Threatening the President of the United States with the disorderly violence of "the people," if he proceeded in efforts vitally necessary to the salvation of the Union.

Horatio Seymour is confessedly, therefore, a fomentor of sedition, a champion of rioters, a menacer of Government.

A fomentor of sedition, in that he told the turbulent masses of New York that a mob had an equal right with the Government to proclaim the law of public necessity.

A champion of rioters, he espoused their cause, said that they should be satisfied, and demanded of the Government that the draft should be suspended and stopped at their violent behest.

A menacer of Government, in that he warned it of the "temper of the people" if it did not yield to him and his riotous friends.

And all this in criminal disregard of the imminent peril in which his country and its defenders were placed at the time.

Will you, then, freemen, lovers of good order, elevate such a man to the position of President? We guess not.

That's So!

The Daily Columbia Spy is a spicy little sheet, and strikes out in all directions—caring for nobody. We clip the following hard hit from its columns:

"Whenever you hear a Copperhead prating about our heavy debt, oppressive taxes and the thieving Radicals, and pitying the poor tax burdened people, tell him at once—that his party made it all, his party kept it increasing, and that Andrew Johnson has given back to the Rebel Democrats of the South more property than would have paid the nation's debt; and thieving Democrats in the Whiskey Ring and in the offices of the Government, have stolen more money than would pay for the purchase of the West India Islands—should our enterprising Secretary of State turn his attention that way."

Remember 1863!

Whilst the Union soldiers were driving the rebel armies back from the soil of Pennsylvania to the south side of the Potomac, and rapidly following them to their last ditch, in 1863, Seymour's friends in New York city were engaged assassinating draft officers, murdering helpless negroes, burning orphan asylums, trying to import small-pox and yellow fever, and cheering lustily for Jeff Davis!

In 1868 these same friends of Mr. Seymour—the murderers and asylum burners—gave their Southern allies, such as Wade Hampton, Forrest, and other notorious rebels, a cordial reception, and entered into an agreement with them to do all in their power to secure, through the ballot-box, what they were unable to accomplish by open warfare in the South, and by murder and arson in the North. Let not the bloody scenes of 1863 be forgotten by the defenders of the Republic!

Their Leaders.

The Seymour and Blair ticket, the Tammany Platform and Blair's letters, are acting like a June sun on the Copperhead family. We will not submit says one. We will resist to the last, says another. Revolution will be the consequence if Grant is elected, adds a third. We will win all we lost in the rebellion, shouts a fourth. And so on, till the dry bones of the Confederacy are fairly alive again. The leaders of the party to-day are the rebel Generals Forrest, Hampton, Vance, Preston, with Vallaudigham, Brick Pomeroy, and others like them.

Too Ticklish.

Some people are alarmed for fear that our noticing the little paccadillos of some men who have been honored by the people of Lancaster county, in the matter of mileage, pay never earned, &c., will hurt the party. We don't believe that doctrine; and anyhow, in the opinion of these same people, FATHER ABRAHAM don't amount to much. Remember, that it is not well "to despise the day of small things," and that "Tall oaks from little acorns grow."

The Way to Fix It.

If you want to write a very dignified article—smooth and slick—write an editorial. If you want to pitch in and not be known, why just write a couple of "Communications," and sign one of them "Soldier." See Lancaster Inquirer of Saturday.

P. S.—Is there anybody about that concern who wants to wear "Old Thad's" old clothes? Who will answer?

Who Asks More?

"I shall take care and protect the tax-payers from swindlers, by making every man pay and receive just according to his contract."—THADDEUS STEVENS.

What kind of a "man and patriot" is he who asks more than that?

"The County Commissioners have given the 'Vigilant Fire Company' of Columbia, \$75, and an equal sum to the 'Columbia Fire Company' of that borough."

We clip the above from the Lancaster Inquirer of Saturday. We expect, of course, an equal sum will be demanded and received by all the companies in the county. But probably the gallant firemen of Columbia are to render some consideration for the amount. Can any candidate for nomination tell who they promised to support in return for the above sum?

Who MR. THADDEUS STEVENS denounces all who differ with him on the financial question as fools."—State Guard.

"Mr. Stevens' does no such thing, and none but a "fool" would say so. If you have "fabricated the most atrocious falsehoods as to my (his) position upon the currency question," then he says, you are "fools and swindlers"—and you are! So much for the State Guard, et al.

Our Correspondence.

Stevens and His Friends.

To "FATHER ABRAHAM"—Dear Dad: You mind your man, Salmon P. Chase, that you pampered till you made an enemy of him, which is often the kind of gratitude met in this nice world of ours. Well, after trying as you know, in 1864 to defeat you, and get himself made President, he has lately, not only helped to clear Andy Johnson at the impeachment, but turned Copperhead in a second attempt to get to be President; but even that party would not swallow him, and he is now the most despised big man in the universe.

We have just had the beginning of a small game of the same kind in this county. Your old friend, Thad Stevens, against the bitterest opposition of the Copperheads and pardoned rebels, and of the conservative Republicans who gave yourself so much trouble, has been all along manfully trying to finish your work. You know how all through the darkest times of the rebellion, he kept you well supplied with money to carry on the government and the war, how he kept up

the credit of the nation, and how he provided full revenue to pay your interest and part of the principal of the money borrowed to pay the soldiers and put down the rebels. As Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, he did all this; and you and the rest of us then felt that no general in the field did more for the country than he did in Congress.

But it seems that the Old Commoner lives too long for some of his friends. They want his place. They cannot wait, so they have tried to raise a fuss, because, in his strong plain way, he said the other day in Congress, that he would rather vote for Seymour and Blair, (the Copperhead candidates for President and Vice-President) than oppress the tax payers of the country by now paying off the five-twenty bonds in gold when gold is 143, and the bonds do not sell for gold. Of course, this is inconsistency, and repudiation and breach of promise; and these modest, impatient gentlemen, who cannot wait any longer for the old man's shoes, (which, in my opinion, they are not worthy to kiss), have got up quite a muss in the newspapers, and talk about dropping him as their candidate for Congress! Let them try it.

We have got a new invention called the Crawford system, by which the nominees for the different offices are selected by a majority of the votes in township meetings, instead of by delegates in county conventions. This honest system is a perfect safeguard for faithful public servants, and has already proved a terror to rogues. I only hope these would-be Congressmen, and their friends, may give us a chance, under this system, of testing the matter by running one or all of them as candidates, and such a set of whipped ingrates you never heard of, as will be shown up.

I am also told some men in Congress, one more than common bitter against our old friend for his refusal, now pay gold for the five-twenties, though he and most sensible men believe that before twenty years resumption of specie payments will take place; that then these and all the rest of the debt will be paid in gold. I noticed that a member by the name of Ross was very forward when the debate on the question took place, and was keen to get the gold. I suppose he is of the same family as the Kansas Ross, who sold himself to Johnson at the impeachment, and saved honest Andy. Probably in that transaction some of the bonds were received in payment, and he now wants to get a rise on them for the head of his clan. But he and all such traitors must look some centuries back for the right head of the family. It is true the price then paid was in specie, but it was in silver, and only thirty pieces at that.

What adds to the fun and exposes the baseness of this move of the secessionists (who would become secessionists, like Chase, if it would help them) is the fact that our old friend avowed the same sentiments about a year ago in a published letter to John Gyger, one of our bank men, who has as much interest in the question as all of them put together. No one made objection then, or dreamed of inconsistency or breach of faith. It is only now when the election for Congress approaches, that they have found out the enormity of the matter. I'll write again. ONE OF THE 300,000 MORE.

MESSRS. EDITORS: The subject of "mileage," introduced by "Sadsbury" in your paper of last week, induced me to look into the charges made by our County Commissioners under that head, and find the following:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Service Details, Amount. Includes entries for Thos. C. Collins, J. B. Shuman, S. Shokom.

The Act of Assembly, approved April 1, 1864, pamph. laws 1864, page 204, enacts: "That the Commissioners of Lancaster County shall have for their services the sum of \$3 per day for each and every day that they and each of them may be officially engaged, and in addition thereto, shall be allowed mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile for each and every mile that they may travel in the discharge of their official duties."

Now it looks to me as if these charges for "mileage" were "hefty." It may be all right, but I "don't see it."

QUERIE.

MARION, SMYTH CO., VA., July 24, 1868.

EDITORS FATHER ABRAHAM: Thinking that a few lines from a "boy in blue," for your very spicy and interesting little sheet, from this benighted section of Rebeldom, might be interesting to some of your readers, I will dot down some of the doings of the rebel wretches of South-Western Virginia, who are encouraged in their crimes by the audacity of their northern allies, the Copperheads.

They are doing all in their power to defeat the Constitution which was framed by the Richmond Convention some months ago. By threats to assassinate they hope to intimidate the colored men to vote with them, but they find that decidedly an up-hill job. The election will be held on the 13th, 14th and 15th of August, and, notwithstanding all their efforts, I predict that the Constitution will be adopted by an overwhelming majority.

On a public road, in an adjoining county, they have a gallows erected with the inscription nailed upon it: "Death to all niggers who vote for the Constitution." Similar threats are made in various parts of the State. But the great body of Union men cannot be frightened by these threats. I am confident that if the Northern soldiers who incline to vote Democratic, would come here and see how the rebels respect their parole, and how they treat Union men, they would