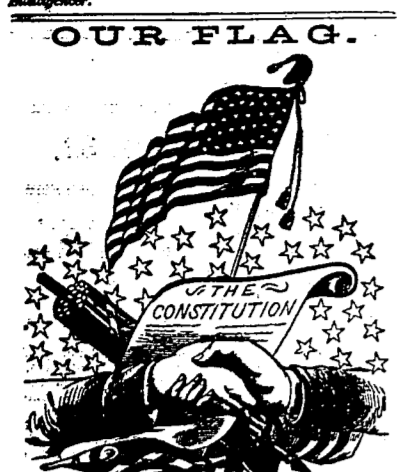


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LANCASTER, PA., AUGUST 18, 1863.



GLING TO THE CONSTITUTION, AS THE SHEPHERDED MARINER CLINGS TO THE LAST PLANK WHEN NIGHT AND THE TEMPEST CLOSE AROUND

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: GEORGE W. WOODWARD, OF LUZERNE COUNTY.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT: WALTER H. LOWRIE, OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

The Democratic Central Committee adopted at its meeting on Thursday, August 6th, the following resolutions...

The Chairman would respectfully call attention to the fact that the meeting of the party...

The Township Committees are requested to give early notice of the time and place of meeting for the election of delegates.

A. J. BREWSTER, Secretary.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES.

LANCASTER—Samuel Sizer, Henry Harter, Henry Harter, Isaac Lewis, William Allen, John King, John King, Joseph Baker...

South Ward—Peter A. Klein, William Williams, John E. Schaefer, George H. Schaefer...

North Ward—George N. Schaefer, John E. Schaefer, George H. Schaefer, Isaac Lewis...

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A Gross Outrage.

On Thursday evening last an infamous outrage upon the Constitutional rights of a portion of our fellow-citizens was perpetrated at the Democratic Central Club Room.

It appears that Mr. SCHAEFER, of Berks county, addressed the meeting on that occasion, and after he had finished and the Club was about adjourning, an armed force consisting of ten or twelve men belonging to the Invalid Corps, so-called, who have been stationed in our city for the last few weeks, appeared at the door and at the foot of the stairs, where, with fixed bayonets and loaded muskets, they attempted to prevent any egress from the building unless, as a preliminary, the speaker of the evening was surrendered to them as a prisoner.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the insolent demand was not complied with, and the crowd of Democrats increasing every moment, the authority (who refused to show any authority for their interference and attempted arrest, when requested to do so), thought discretion the better part of valor and retired to their Headquarters.

That this military demonstration was instigated by some cowardly, black-hearted Abolitionists in our midst, we have no doubt. The soldiers are all strangers here and would not have done it of their own accord, and the Provost Marshal, we are informed, disavows having had anything to do with it, directly or indirectly. We have good reason for believing that the whole affair originated in the Union League Rooms, and that it was the act of a few besotted scoundrels who got the soldiers unwittingly into the scrape for the purpose of provoking a collision, so as to furnish a pretext for having the city placed under martial law.

But, thanks to the good sense of the soldiers and the democracy, a collision was avoided, and the City saved from a terrible riot, which would have been the inevitable result had the military prevented in preventing an egress from the hall.

We were not aware before that we were under military law in Lancaster. The whole machinery of the civil law is in full force in our midst. Every offender against the laws can be speedily brought to justice and punished according to his deserts, in any possible contingency. For the interference of the military to suppress the freedom of speech, this is the first time in our history, we believe—at least since the political campaign of 1860—when the unrestricted right of political discussion was attempted to be suppressed by bullets and bayonets, and we trust in Heaven it will be the last effort of the kind for all time to come.

We sincerely wish to see the peace and good order of the city preserved, and will lend all our energies to that object; but there must be no repetition of the outrage on Thursday evening, or the consequences may be fearful to contemplate. The Democrats of Lancaster are free American citizens entitled to all their Constitutional rights, and they will not be interfered with by soldiers or civilians. Whoever attempts it in the future will do so at his peril, or we greatly mistake the temper of our fellow-citizens.

A meeting in reference to the outrage has been called for Thursday evening next. The Democracy intend meeting to assert their rights with dignity and calmness, and for no purpose of resentment or revenge, and if any violence were committed, which we do not apprehend, the public may rest assured that it will not originate with them.

A Scavenger Sheet.

The Lancaster Examiner is rapidly descending to the lowest depths of infamy. In its issue of Saturday last it speaks of Ex-President BUCHANAN as a "hoary headed villain" and other equally offensive and villainous terms, and all this with doubtless the gulped down with avidity by the party friends of that vile sheet as possible right and proper. Is it possible that, as a community, we are degenerating into heathen barbarism? It looks very much like it when a venerable statesman, now in retirement, is thus wantonly and wickedly assailed at his own home, and among a people who, for many long years, have shared largely in his bounties and charitable donations.

Address of the State Committee.

The first address of the Democratic State Central Committee to the people of Pennsylvania will be found in our columns to-day. It is a masterly production from the pen of the distinguished Chairman, Col. CHARLES J. BIDDLE, and will command universal attention from its clearness and strength, to say nothing of the dignity and moderation which pervades the entire document. It ought to be read by every citizen of our Commonwealth.

THE ABOLITION RE-NOMINATED.

The Abolition State Convention, which met at Pittsburgh, on Thursday evening, after a bitter and stormy session re-nominated Andrew G. CURTIS, as their candidate for Governor. The vote stood 90 for Curtis against 48 for James M. Moore and B. H. J. Biddle, of Philadelphia, and J. P. Penny and J. K. Moorhead of Pittsburgh. Thus Forney's scheme, for "postponing Curtis," as he expressed it, was not successful at Pittsburgh, and therefore, that work is left for the people to accomplish in October next, which they will certainly do, but not in the manner proposed by Forney.

Although Curtis' friends, says the Eastern Sentinel, had sufficient force in the Convention to nominate him, they could not make his nomination unanimous, nor still the fierce opposition and angry protest of the minority. The first blow at the Governor was dealt by Mr. McKenna, of Washington county, who offered a preamble and resolutions setting forth that "an antagonism at once deplorable and bitter has sprung up between the friends of the two leading candidates," which will impair the efficiency of either, and endanger the success of the party, and therefore declaring that a new candidate was required. After considerable discussion, these resolutions were negative—yeas 40, nays 80. Next came a letter from John Covode, declining in favor of "a new man," and warning the Convention, if it wished to preserve the party from disaster, to consult "the true interests of the loyal man represented, rather than the penitential and political interests of a few." Hon. David Barclay, of Armstrong county, also urged the nomination of a new man, as the only way to success. He presented the name of Henry D. Moore, of Philadelphia, as an "olive branch of peace"—and they could not afford to lose the eight thousand majority of Allegheny county; and further, that "no man had a right to stand in the way of the success of his party." Ex-Speaker Lawrence, of Washington county, (Cameron's right-hand man) also made a savage attack on the Governor. He said—"He knew him well, and if chosen he trusted in God he would be elected. But he was not the choice of the yeomanry in this county, and there would be trouble in giving him a majority. He knew that they had the power to nominate Curtis, but he could only support him under protest. He would not assign his reasons." He continued in an earnest appeal not to force Curtis on them.

Next came Alex. Cummings, of red-herring, Scotch ale, straw hat and white pantaloons notoriety. He believed that Curtis would be nominated, but he wanted to show the fearful issue they were going before the people with. Curtis' declination of re-nomination last winter, was hailed as a harbinger of peace all over the State. The people thought a candidate could be found who could stand upon the flag alone. He charged that upon the security that had been given by his declination, machinations had been set on foot that threatened to force him again upon us, with all the entanglements that have visited us in the past. Should the calamity befall us, the people around hold themselves responsible. He said Curtis could not secure the support of either his own party or his office-holders.

But "Honest John" and Alexander's warnings were disregarded—Mr. Barclay's "olive branch" was rejected—and Speaker Lawrence's appeal was unheeded. Governor Curtis carried the day in the face of them all, and the Convention finished its work by adopting a set of "loyal" resolutions and nominating Hon. Daniel Agnew, of Beaver county, for Supreme Judge.

The re-nomination of Curtis insures an easy victory for the Democracy. His weakness is publicly confessed by his own political associates; and in the minds of the people he is condemned already. No man can stand up, with any hope of success, under such a weight as his mal-administration of our State during the last three years, has accumulated upon him. For once since he has become Abolitionized, Forney has blundered into the truth. The people of Pennsylvania, duly appreciating the advice which the Pittsburgh Convention dispensed, will, on the second Tuesday of October next, "postpone Governor Curtis" indefinitely.

ARMY THIEVING.

Thieves appear to abound in every department of the military service. One Doctor Howe, who has been for some time in charge of the military hospital stores at Memphis, has come to grief by being detected as a systematic thief. He belonged to Fair Haven, Illinois, to which place he had been ordered to send all kinds of packages at every convenient opportunity, until finally it was thought best to inquire into his movements. An officer was sent to his residence in Illinois to make an exploration. The result was a fearful catalogue of stolen articles, including, among other things, some forty pairs of army blankets, and unlimited quantities of other government property. The shoulder-strap thief was then arrested. He will doubtless be court-martialed and sent to the penitentiary. Alas! how many just fellows have thus put on the garb of patriotism to cloak their thievish propensities, while they raise the cry of "Copperhead" and traitor against honest loyal citizens who have the independence to speak their minds upon the great questions which involve the destiny of the government of the people.

NOT DISPOSED TO GO.

The draft is but the mere first step in the new England districts. For example, in the Fourth (Boston) district, the whole number examined last week was 1135, of whom 937 were exempted, seventy paid three hundred dollars, which makes 1007 that got over, 108 offered substitutes, and ten were passed as fit for duty. Thus, less than one in a hundred of the original conscripts go into the army; and this, too, in a section of country that only required the recognition of the negro to "wage every road leading to the National Capital to swear my recruits." At this rate it will require ninety millions of conscripts to obtain the "nine hundred thousand men" so enthusiastically promised Father Abraham by the Radicals.

General McClellan's Reports.

We learn by intelligence from Washington that Gen. McCLELLAN has recently laid before the War Department full reports of all his battles and campaigns in Virginia and Maryland, constituting a complete history of the operations of the Army of the Potomac during the period he was its commanding General. This narrative is one of deep interest to the whole community—there have been unfavorable reports published against General McCLELLAN, it is the least that is due to him and the nation to know what he has to say on his own side; but it is very doubtful whether the Administration will permit the reports to be published. We shall see.

A TERRIBLE INDICTMENT.

The New Haven Courier, a strong Republican paper, probably acquired with its own works of its party, thus expresses its views on the way things are managed. "Our country has carried on the war—the blood of our brave soldiers, the tears of the orphan and widow, have been coined into money. They have swindled the government out of hundreds of millions. They have plied for fortune all the distinguished officers at Washington said: All the operations of this war are managed by political swindlers." This is telling tales out of school with a vengeance, and it presents a fine picture for the contemplation of the Union League.

FRAUDS ON THE GOVERNMENT.

A series of very successful frauds have been perpetrated on paymasters by Lawrence J. Steele, an ex-Adjutant, and one of the most accomplished swindlers yet discovered. The names of his operations have been Washington, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston, and he has perpetrated different officials, and forged certificates to the correctness of forged accounts. He is now in arrest in New York awaiting his trial by the civil authorities.

MEETINGS OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania was held at the Merchants' Hotel, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, August 11th. The following gentlemen were present: J. Biddle, Charles J. Biddle, the Committee to order, and to do so made some appropriate remarks. The following members of the Committee were present: J. Biddle, Charles J. Biddle, the Committee to order, and to do so made some appropriate remarks.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF LIEUT. COL. NATHAN.

This community was shocked on Thursday evening last by the sudden and unexpected death of Lieut. Col. Nathan, of the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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