Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1869.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR:

Hon. ASA PACKER, of Carbon county.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT:

Hon. CYRUS L. PERSHING, of Cambria co.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

In accordance with the resolution of the County Committee, adopted at their meeting on Monday, August 30th, you are hereby requested to assemble in the several Wards of the City, and Boroughs and Townships of the County, on SATURDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, next, then and there to elect five delegates to represent said ward, borough or township in County Convention to be held on WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at Fulton Hall, in the City of Lancaster, for the purpose of nominating a ticket to be supported at the ensuing October election, composed of the following officers:

Two candidates for State Senate.
Four candidates for Assembly.
One candidate for Sheriff.
One candidate for Register.
One candidate for Prothonotary.
One candidate for Clerk of Quarter Sessions.
One candidate for Orphans' Court.
One candidate for Treasurer.
One candidate for County Commissioner.
Two candidates for Directors of the Poor.
Two candidates for Prison Inspectors.
One candidate for Coroner.
One candidate for Auditor.

The Ward, Township and Borough Committees are also requested to give early notice, in their respective districts, of the time and place of meeting for the election of delegates.

By order of the Democratic County Committee. R. R. TSHUDY, Chairman.
B. J. MCGRANN, Secretary.

Township Elections.

We hope the Democracy of the rural districts will keep the township elections in mind. Let prudence and caution be exercised in regard to settling tickets. Let it be seen to that no element of weakness or discord is introduced by this agency. Let the very best and strongest men be named where we have a majority, and all prudence be displayed where we are in the minority. There is no reason for haste in settling the township tickets. In most of the rural districts of this county it would be just as well to wait until the Radicals have made their selections. Ten days will be time enough to have the tickets printed and properly circulated. The County Committee can not be expected to take charge of the printing and circulation of the township tickets. That must be attended to by the Township Committees. Orders for tickets can be forwarded to us by mail, and they can be sent out in that way if desired, though it would be safer for some one to come with the copy and take the tickets home with him.

Attend to the Registration.

The absence of a voter's name from the registration list does not necessarily deprive any man of the right to vote. The fourth section of the law defines the manner in which non-registered citizens may prove their right to vote. The claimant, whose name is not on the assessor's list, must make affidavit that he is a citizen of the State under the meaning of the Constitution, and that he has paid a State or County tax within two years. That done, he must produce a witness to prove that he has resided in the election district ten days previous to the election. If a naturalized citizen he must state in his affidavit when and where he was born, by what court he was naturalized, and must produce his naturalization papers. The voter between twenty-one and twenty-two years of age must make affidavit as to age and residence.

No one who can comply with these requirements of the fourth section of the law can be deprived of a vote, even though his name is not found on the registration lists. But, to avoid any difficulties, and to insure a full poll of the vote, it is important that the name of every voter be put upon the list. Let this be done at once, and then let a vigorous effort be made on election day to get out the entire Democratic vote in the State, and Packer and Pershing will be elected by a sweeping majority. All the signs of the times point to a glorious victory, and we can only be beaten by inexcusable apathy in our own ranks.

Geary's Position on the Temperance Question.

When Sharswood was running for Judge of the Supreme Court against the narrow-minded partisan who is now up again for the same office, John W. Geary came to Lancaster and made a speech. It was so poor a speech, such a jumble of nonsense expressed in barbarous English, that every Republican in the Court House hung his head in shame. The most remarkable feature of the rambling and disjointed discourse was his attempt to set himself right on the liquor question. He reminded us very much of the orator out West, who found himself in a similar ticklish position. "Gentlemen," said he, after having given his views on the "Constitution" the "Monroe Doctrine" and such like topics, "Gentlemen," and he put his hand on the region of his heart, "there are my sentiments, the sentiments of an honest man—aye an honest politician; but, gentlemen, and fellow-citizens, if they don't suit you, they can easily be altered." In the same vein, Geary, who had joined the Good Templars a few months before, and sworn to use all his influence to secure the speedy passage of a prohibitory liquor law, honeyfugled the liquor loving Radicals of Lancaster county. His long winded speech might easily have been boiled down to read as follows: "Gentlemen, I am a member of the Good Templars; I have pledged myself to them in favor of a prohibitory liquor law, but gentlemen," and here we fancy we see him making one of his most graceful bows, "if it is necessary I can pledge myself to the Anti-Temperance men equally as well. Let us have harmony in our ranks, and not differ about trifles."—We see Geary is advertised to speak at several points in the State, and we have no doubt he will repeat in substance the speech he made in Lancaster during the Sharswood campaign. Verily John Covode described him perfectly when he said, "Geary is the humbuggedest Governor Pennsylvania ever had."

The Radical County Committee.

At the meeting of the Radical County Committee the Statesman from Adamstown was effectually laid out. In spite of the earnest appeals of the *Express*, and its prediction that the defeat of Mr. Billingfelt would lead directly to the destruction of the Crawford County System, A. J. Kauffman was elected permanent Chairman of the County Committee by a vote of 39 to 22. Mr. Billingfelt fearing the result, desired to nominate in his place another man, not a member of the committee; but the majority feeling sure of the result, declined to depart from established usage. The ring which the *Express* has been fighting is not dead. The result in the County Committee proves that it is still alive and kicking vigorously against that precious humbug, the Crawford County system.

Senator Wallace's Speech.

We publish to-day a very vigorous speech made at Bellefonte by Senator William A. Wallace. It is a full statement of the issues involved in the present important canvass. Every honest man, without respect to party, should read it. Hand your paper to your Republican neighbor, when you are done with it, and ask him to read it. He can not deny the truth of the damaging charges brought against the Radical leaders in this State by Mr. Wallace.

GEN. GRANT, as his foolish old father relates, once rode in a circus. He travels so much at this time that he might take the management of a traveling circus without putting himself at all out of the way.

The Old Members.

The *Express* is jubilant over the defeat of "the old members." It devotes almost a column of editorial space to a pean of rejoicing over the rejection by the people of Hopkins, Gatchell, Summy and Peters. We admit that the rascality and corruption of the last Legislature furnished abundant reason for the repudiation of nearly every Radical member of that body. But, it was scarcely any worse than several which preceded it. There has not been a session of the Legislature since Geary was made Governor in which a crowd of extra pasters and folders has not been employed, and in which paying private legislation has not received almost exclusive attention from the members.

The swollen condition of the volumes containing a rescript of the laws passed shows how improper legislation has increased. There has been no check put upon it by John W. Geary. He has rarely exercised the veto power, which was given him to protect the people. The most objectionable bills have been sure to receive his sanction. He has been recognized as the patron and protector of the Legislative Ring. Such men as Peter Herdic have found him ready to co-operate with them in any piece of rascality they might devise. He has not had a word to say against the employment of extra pasters and folders. He made bargains with the most corrupt men about Harrisburg, and freely bartered his influence as Governor to secure delegates to the State Convention. Long before that body assembled enough of the tools of the Legislative Ring had been chosen to insure a *packed* majority in favor of his renomination.

The more sagacious and independent Republican newspapers of the State protested in vain against such an outrage upon the people. The tools of the "roosters" and "pinchers" had a majority however, and they were bent upon having their candidate settled. Even the *Express* warned the Republican party that defeat was probable, if not inevitable, in case Geary should be renominated. It knew that he was involved in the corruption which has prevailed at Harrisburg. Why then does it not condemn him as it has condemned "the old members" from this county?

Geary is much more to blame for the corruption which has prevailed at Harrisburg since he was Governor than any member of the Legislature. He has been hand in glove with the thieves, and has profited by their rascality. He avowed that he was very poor when he left the army. At the end of the second year of his gubernatorial term, he offered to pay thirty-four thousand dollars *cash* for a farm. Where did he get the money? His salary is only five thousand dollars a year, and it must cost even an economical Governor almost that much to live in proper style.

We cannot see how the *Express* can support Geary while it rejoices over the defeat of "the old members." Their crimes are small indeed compared with those of the Governor. He has been the shield and support of the legislative thieves. He could have broken up the "ring" by a few strokes of his pen. He refused to interfere, and gave the "roosters" and "pinchers" the fullest license. If the *Express* wants to be considered honest let it denounce Geary as it denounces men who are innocent in comparison with him.

The Assessments Upon the Radical Candidates.

The Radical County Committee has resolved not to run the political machine without money. The members are intrusted with the disbursement of the funds raised, and it seems that they are determined to make those who want offices pay full value for them.

At the meeting held on Monday the following assessments were laid upon the different candidates:

Sheriff	$500.00
Register	500.00
Prothonotary	500.00
Two Senators, each $3.00	600.00
Four Assessmen, each $100	400.00
Clerk of Quarter Sessions	250.00
Orphans' Court	250.00
Treasurer	250.00
Two Directors of Poor, each $75	150.00
Prison Inspectors	150.00
Commissioner	100.00
Coroner	40.00
Auditor	10.00
Total corruption fund	$3,700.00

No one will pretend to claim that such an enormous sum of money is needed to elect the Radical local ticket in this county. The candidates are to be bled to prop up the failing fortunes of that miserable tool of the corrupt legislative ring, John W. Geary. It is solely for his benefit that the money assessed upon the different candidates is to be wrung from them. It has already cost each one of them a large amount to secure the nomination under the expensive Crawford County System, and there will be many other drains on their purses during the campaign. With this bold robbery of the County Committee, and other heavy expenses past and to come, it will puzzle some of them to make ten cent out of the offices they have almost secured. We would advise them to repudiate the claim of the Committee. They are sure to be elected, and we have no doubt they would each be able to apply the money demanded of them more judiciously than the Committee will do. They would at least have the satisfaction of knowing where their money went, and how it was expended. All the cash that can be raised by this kind of open robbery will not save Geary. He is doomed to defeat. Let the Radical candidates save their money.

Geary as an American Mechanic.

Among other secret societies to which Geary has sought admission is the Order of American Mechanics. What right a man who never did an honest day's work since he came of age has in such an association is more than we can tell. Geary has been a political bummer and office-beggar all his life. He has subsisted as a place-hunting mendicant from the time he was a clerk upon the Old Portage Railroad until now. What branch of mechanics he represents it would certainly be very hard to conjecture. Yet he is a sworn member of the American Mechanics; an Order which not only excludes every foreign born citizen from its ranks, but which is pledged to discriminate against all such men in their effort to make a living by any mechanical baseness. Geary no doubt expected to make some votes by joining this association, and it is possible he may do so; but how can any foreign born mechanic vote for him. He is pledged to discriminate against them in every possible way. Let them remember that when they go to the polls.

Death of a Radical Paper.

The Columbia *Daily Spy* is defunct. It died of inanition. The new proprietors of the concern found it could not be kept alive, except by levying contributions upon certain charitable Radicals of Columbia; so they wisely let it die. We shall miss it, as it was rather a valuable source of local information. If it had lived through the campaign it would have had the honor of expiring with the buckram hero, John W. Geary. It departed from political life a month or so in advance of him. Peace to its ashes.

On the Rampage.

The newly elected Chairman of the Radical County Committee is on the rampage. He threatens to carry things with a high hand. Hearing that some of the candidates were indisposed to pay up the heavy assessment laid upon them, he swore by his long yellow locks and his short tawny beard, that he would not have the names of the recusants put upon the ticket until they came down with the stamps. Slaves, learn to know and obey your master.

Will You Take Warning?

Will you take warning, Republicans of every State, that *the ratification of the XVth Amendment is yet desperately contested and in doubt?*—Tribune.

Will you take warning, Democrats, Conservatives, friends of State Rights and free citizenship, that the proposed Fifteenth Amendment is a denial of the right of the States to regulate their own internal affairs, and a direct interference with the Federal Constitution? Will you not remember that step by step the advocates of centralized power sap and undermine first the social freedom of Municipalities, then of Counties, then of larger Communities, then of States and Colonies? Will you not recall the period when Rome destroyed Freedom in her Colonies, by taking from the people in those Colonies that State autonomy which guaranteed freedom to the people, and how, just in proportion as the central power was increased, individual and local power was destroyed, until the Colonies fell first, and then Rome herself, like the pillars of Sampson, upon the heads of the people? The Federal Government, backed by the purse and the sword, now demands control of Popular Suffrage in all the States. To that end it has attempted, and generally with success, to subsidize all political State organization. To that end it denies long promised freedom to Virginia, and refuses to respect an election authorized by Congress and the President. To that end it interferes by military force with civil rights in Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, and other free States.—To that end it has given the ballot to 750,000 negroes, and taken it from half as many white men. To that end a great army is placed over the States to control elections. To that end a military General, ambitious to place himself in the U. S. Senate, denies the writ of habeas corpus. To that end General Canby, of Virginia, also ambitious of political promotion, undertakes, and in opposition to his own previous decisions, to decide who shall and who shall not constitute the Legislature of a State which he governs by the sword. To that end independent judges and other civil officers are removed from office in Mississippi, to make room for the creatures and satraps of a military officer, backed by the word and power of the President. To that end U. S. Marines are called into service in New York city to resist, by the threat of their presence, and by blood if need be, a decision of the Supreme Court. To that end, also, the U. S. Supreme Court is overawed and deterred by Congress from making prompt and just decisions in behalf of constitutional liberty.

All these facts are familiar to reading men, and painful to thinking and patriotic men, no matter to what party they belong. The proposed adoption of the Fifteenth Constitutional Amendment is an encouragement to continue such outrages. Already the people have endured, pitied and almost embraced these evils. We counsel them, then, as they respect the memory of their fathers, and as they wish well to their children, to rise as one man and resist further innovations upon State Rights, Constitutional Liberty, and true Democratic Republican Government.

The people of Pennsylvania have the opportunity and the power to repeal the fraudulent endorsement of negro suffrage which was effected by John W. Geary and the most corrupt Legislature that ever assembled in this Commonwealth. If those who are opposed to negro suffrage will go to the polls in October and vote with the independence of freemen, casting aside for once the trammels of party, a Democratic Legislature can be elected to support that pure patriot, Asa Packer. It can be done with the right sort of an effort, in spite of the infamous gerrymander of the State.

The Fifteenth Amendment in Doubt.

The New York *Tribune* has raised the cry that the fifteenth amendment is in doubt, and that very Radical journal, the Philadelphia *Post*, says:

> In Ohio and elsewhere the Democracy will wage a most desperate war upon the adoption of this most wise and just measure. They are sanguine that they can defeat it, and will leave no stone unturned to accomplish that end. Impartial Suffrage is to-day in doubt—in great doubt—and well may *The Tribune* raise a cry of alarm.

We are glad to hear these papers telling the truth at last. For months the whole Radical press of the country has been insisting that the adoption of the fifteenth amendment, and the forcing of the negro suffrage upon an unwilling people was a foregone conclusion. We have asserted from the inception of this infamous measure, that the people had the power to defeat it in spite of bayonets at the South, and the rascally frauds which were engineered by Geary and other men of like character in the North. Let the white men of Pennsylvania remember that much depends upon the coming election in this State. Geary sent a special message to the last Legislature urging the Radical majority to make haste to fasten negro suffrage upon this State by the adoption of the proposed amendment. Petitions signed by thousands of Conservative Republicans, as well as by multitudes of Democrats, were poured into the legislative chambers, praying that the question might be submitted to a vote of the people. The Democratic members voted as a unit to allow the white men of Pennsylvania to pass upon this grave question, but, under the orders of Geary, all such reasonable and proper suggestions were voted down, and the amendment was endorsed. For this surrender of the rights of the State and the people Geary must be held accountable at the polls. Let every white man remember that his vote will tell for or against negro suffrage in October.

The Temperance Party.

As will be seen by the report which we publish elsewhere, the National Temperance Convention at Chicago, determined to form a new political party. The platform adopted will be considered as binding upon all the subordinate secret orders throughout the country, and we may expect to see an active campaign made in this State next year by the prohibitionists. They will concentrate all their power to elect members of the State Legislature and Congressmen. Some time since James Black, Esq., the President of the Chicago Convention, announced in the Court House of this city that John W. Geary was the choice of the Temperance men of Pennsylvania for Governor. There is no doubt that Geary joined the Good Templars for the purpose of securing the votes of the Temperance men, just as he has joined every secret society that would admit him.—It remains to be seen how much he will gain by such a course. By the terms of the pledge he took when joining the Good Templars he is solemnly bound to favor the passage of a prohibitory liquor law, and the new temperance party will make a desperate effort next year to elect a Legislature pledged to pass one. It is said, on what cannot be considered doubtful authority, that the two candidates for Senator in this county gave pledges to the temperance men that they would act with them if elected, and that several of the candidates for Assembly did the same thing. The day is not far distant when we shall have a battle on the subject of prohibition in Pennsylvania.

HON. J. A. ROYCE, of Cincinnati, heretofore a prominent Radical, in a communicaton to the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, says: "I have severed myself from the Republican party, because it is an organized hypocrisy, a shuffling dissimulation, a fraud, a delusion, and a snare, a combination of grasping fanatics, fattening on the vitals of wealth-distributors of the country." It is evident that Mr. Royce, during his connection with the Radical party, kept his eyes about him.

California.

The news from California grows better and better. The defeat of Radicalism is overwhelming. Gov. Haight estimates that the Legislature will be three-fourths Democratic. Counties which have been steadfastly Republican heretofore, have been swept by the Democracy. The Radicals endorsed the infamous fifteenth amendment, and made their campaign upon it. The result shows what would be the fate of negro suffrage in nearly every State, if the people were allowed to vote upon it. Since the negroes of the South have turned against the carpet-baggers the fifteenth amendment has comparatively few friends even among the Radicals. The people will not be sorry to see it defeated, as it now seems almost certain to be, in spite of the force work of Congress in the South and such frauds as that engineered by Geary in Pennsylvania.

Let the white men of this State put their mark upon the super-serviceable tool who now occupies the Gubernatorial chair. But for his truckling message in favor of negro suffrage the Radicals of the Legislature would have hesitated to ratify the proposed amendment, by which the sacred right of the people of Pennsylvania to regulate the elective franchise for themselves was tamely and basely surrendered. Geary, more than any other man in the Commonwealth, is responsible for the refusal of the Legislature to submit this great question to a vote of the people. He willingly and unhesitatingly surrendered the most valued and important right of the State. The man who so acts is unfit to be Governor of a great State like Pennsylvania. Let the white men of the Keystone State settle with him on the second Tuesday of October.

Geary, the Chief of the Ring.

The *Express* comes to the defense of Governor Geary with half a column of glittering generalities and baseless assertion. It boldly avows that he was an enemy to the infamous corruption that prevailed in the Legislatures which assembled during his term of office; but it utterly fails to substantiate its claim by a single particle of proof. Let it show, if it can, the evidence that Geary was not the tool of the legislative ring; let it produce a single veto message based upon such ground as the Democratic Governor of New York took last winter. Governor Hoffman found the same infamous system which has made our Legislature a bye-word and a reproach in full play when he was inaugurated. He did not tamper with it and encourage it as Geary did. He promptly vetoed one improper act after another, giving his reasons for so doing in messages which exposed the rascality of the Legislature. The result was the killing off of multitudes of improper bills before they passed either house.

The "roosters" and "pinchers" found no such obstacle in Geary. He not only signed the appropriation bills, paying a crowd of fellows like Illyus every year, but he was ready, with pen in hand, to attach his signature to every corrupt piece of legislation that the thieves put through. He sat up nearly all night to sign the unconstitutional and outrageous Herdic act. We charge it upon him that he sold himself out to the ring to secure a renomination, and that very fact, so well known to many Republicans, created strong opposition to him. The Convention was so well packed, however, that he could not be beaten there, and the only remedy left is to defeat him at the polls. We have no doubt that will be done. The people will not consent to vote for the man under whose protecting care the legislative ring carried on its rascality unrebuked and unrestrained.

The Temperance Ticket.

We find the following in the last issue of the *Examiner*:

> The following appeared in the advertising columns of the *Express* of Friday, August 27th:
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> TEMPERANCE MEN IN THE FIELD.
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> The organization of Good Templars have issued the following:
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> CHRISTIANA, Aug. 24, 1869.
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> *Dear Sir*: The Executive Committee, appointed by the late County District Convention of Good Templars, held an adjourned meeting at Lancaster, on Monday, August 23d, and unanimously adopted the enclosed ticket, to be supported at the primary election, on Saturday, August 28th, THOSE FOR SENATE AND ASSEMBLY BEING PLEDGED FOR A PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW, subject to the will of the people of the several districts, and those named for other offices being unexceptional men of excellent character and worthy of our confidence and support. It is highly important that EVERY TEMPERANCE VOTE BE CONCENTRATED UPON THE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.
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> R. S. RUSH, Chairman.
> JAS. L. ALLEN, Secretary.
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> The Legislators recommended as PLEDGED are as follows:
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> SENATE.
> ESAIAS BILLINGFELT,
> JOHN B. WARFEL.
> HOUSE.
> THOMAS A. CLARK,
> HENRY M. ENGLE,
> Dr. E. B. HERR.
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> We have no comments to make, except to say that the truth or genuineness of the circular has not been questioned, and we publish it as a matter of curiosity, which may not be unentertaining when the law proposed shall be enacted.

It is asserted by leading and knowing Republicans, that the secret lodges of the Temperance men in this county were fully united, and that they acted in concert, voting as a body, not only for Senators and Assemblymen, but for other officers. At a meeting of the head men of the organization, held some time ago, it was resolved not to form a regular and distinctive temperance party in Pennsylvania at present, but the order was issued for the different lodges to unite upon such local candidates as might be willing to pledge themselves in favor of a prohibitory law. That the secret organizations had much to do with settling the Radical ticket in this county, is openly charged by the Republican leaders, and we have no doubt about the truth of the allegations.

Fraudulent Voting in the City.

On Monday we were informed by a prominent Republican that every ward in the city had cast more votes for the Radical candidates on Saturday than Grant received, and we published his statement. The *Express*, thereupon, made a loud blow, accusing us of intentionally falsifying. Since the full returns have been published, we have examined them carefully, and the following is the result:

In the First Ward Grant received 295 votes, and the different candidates for Sheriff a combined vote of 303.

In the Third Ward Grant had 223 votes and the candidates for Sheriff 240.

In the Fifth Ward, Brubaker's, where the polls were closed twenty minutes before the time on Saturday, the vote for Sheriff was even 150, while Grant only polled 121.

In the Sixth Ward Grant's vote was 195, the vote for Sheriff 201.

In the Seventh Ward Grant's vote was 138, the vote on Sheriff 160. In this Ward the election on Saturday was held in an unlicensed beer house, and there are some nine indictments now pending against the proprietor. The temperance men didn't run that shebang.

In the Eighth Ward Grant's vote was 133, the vote on Saturday 140.

In the Ninth Ward Grant had over 200 and the candidates for sheriff 207.

Thus it will be seen that our informant was very nearly right. In every ward, except two, more votes were recorded on Saturday than Grant had.—Does any one pretend to say such a result was honestly obtained? We have yet to see the first man who does so. It is a notorious fact that boys were voted that Republicans went from one ward to another repeating votes for their favorite candidates, and that not a few loose Democrats deposited tickets which they never meant to support at the general election. That there were several hundred fraudulent votes cast in this city on Saturday afternoon many knowing Republicans freely admit, and none who are posted attempt to deny it.

Two Stories Told by Geary.

Previous to his renomination Geary was freely and openly denounced by several leading Radical papers of this State, as a man utterly wanting in veracity. He is an empty, boasting, vain, conceited and garrulous Gascon. During the rebellion he kept an unscrupulous Bohemian on his Staff, and the sole business of the fellow was to manufacture exaggerated reports of the prowess of his Chief, and to have the stories he coined duly inserted in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* and one or two other sensational newspapers. On one occasion a report was published of a fight which never occurred, in which Geary was represented as performing the most prodigious and valorous exploits. Whether Geary dictated the lying reports which were given currency through the instrumentality of his Bohemian subordinate, or whether the Bohemian ingeniously invented them and then read them over to his chief we cannot say; but certain it is that Geary still is given to telling the most ridiculously improbable stories of his martial deeds. Two of his yarns have been given currency during the present campaign by certain Radical newspapers. The sheets which publish them must have unbounded confidence in the ignorance and credulity of their readers.

In the Columbia *Daily Spy*, of July 28th, appeared a story which the writer declared he got from Geary's own lips. We give it as it was told:

> It appears that Gens. Geary and Hooker were riding together one day just before the capture of the Mountain, in full view of it, bristling as it was with rebel infantry and artillery, when Gen. G. remarked 'Hooker,' (their relations were of that intimate character that titles between them were always dispensed with,) 'Hooker, I have a plan by which I can take Lookout Mountain.' 'What is it, Geary?' asked Gen. H. 'No man, Hooker,' replied Gen. G., 'can know my plan of attack until I get an order to take the mountain. Give me the order and then I will let you know my plan, but not till then.' Gen. Hooker, as his custom was when in deep thought, held his head in an inclined position, as if closely examining the quality of the hair of his whiskers many minutes, and so close two rode side by side for more than a mile, when Gen. H. suddenly looked up and said. By G—d Geary, I believe you *are* the man to take Lookout Mountain—I give you the order. You will move your division upon it to-morrow morning at daybreak. Now tell me your plan of attack.' Gen. G. then detailed the *modus operandi* to his superior officer, when Hooker, delighted, exclaimed, 'You hit the nail on the head, Geary—The Mountain is ours!' The next morning, Gen. Geary fought the battle of Lookout mountain above the clouds, and all know the grand result.

If all that had happened, as Geary asserts it did, how comes it that in the official report of the battle of Lookout Mountain the celebrated "battle above the clouds" is not even mentioned? How comes it that Mr. Dana, of the N. Y. *Sun*, who was present when the reported "battle above the clouds" took place, declares the report of it which appeared in the newspapers to be a piece of reportorial fiction, and nothing more? How comes it that Mr. Dana, who was Assistant Secretary of War at the time he witnessed the capture of Lookout Mountain, never mentions the name of Geary in the *true* account of the affair which he gave some time since in his paper? The truth is Geary's Bohemain got up a cock and bull story about the affair, which was accepted as true until its utter falsity was exposed. There is not one man in a hundred so stupidly credulous as to believe the story told by Geary which we publish above. That he is in the habit of retailing such extravagant yarns is well known.

There is another of these marvelous fictions which he gets off that is even more ridiculous than the above. It is his description of the death of Stonewall Jackson. According to Geary, a rebel deserter, who was standing guard within ear-shot of where the great rebel division leader was dying, witnessed a scene, which he afterwards detailed to our Governor. According to Geary's version of this deserter's story, the great Confederate chieftain suddenly roused himself when almost at the last gasp and summoning General Longstreet, addressed him thus in the most solemn and impressive tones:

> "General Longstreet, did you observe that tall specimen of a nigger standing on a black horse, in the thickest of the fight, as we did battle," Quoth General Longstreet: "I did, indeed, my dear General." "That man so valiant was General Geary," exclaimed Stonewall. Mark me, beware of him! Avoid him! *He is the bane of the Confederacy!* Longstreet, beware of Geary!"

We do not know a better battle-cry for the people of Pennsylvania than the conclusion of that silly and ridiculously absurd story. "Beware of Geary" should be the watchword of every honest and truth-loving voter when he goes to the polls.

The California Election.

The good news from California is full of significance. The people of that new and great State say, No, most emphatically, to the Fifteenth Amendment. They are not ready to give up control of the elective franchise, but with true manhood and honest State pride, have determined to hold on to the sacred boon bequeathed to them by the founders of the Republic. Let the people of Pennsylvania take example by the people of California. Let the voice of this Commonwealth be recorded against the fraudulent action of the last Radical Legislature, which refused to submit negro suffrage to a vote of the people. Let Geary, the miserable renegade Democrat, who led in the movement, be signally and overwhelmingly defeated. Let the white men of Pennsylvania respond to their brethren in California.

How They Love the Soldiers.

The stay-at-home Radicals of Berks county, the fellows who never shouldered a musket or smelt gunpowder, the thrifty patriots who made money while the soldiers were shedding their blood, the old political bummers who are ever on the make, gobbled up every particle of Federal patronage which Grant had to bestow. Not a crumb fell to the lot of any soldier; but at the County Convention, where the mere empty honor of being defeated was to be given out, soldiers were nominated for nearly every county office. If there was a Radical majority of 8,000 in old Berks, instead of a Democratic majority of that size, the soldiers would no doubt have fared as they did in the distribution of Federal offices. Such is the love of these loyal Radicals for the boys in blue. Such of the soldiers of Old Berks as have voted the Radical ticket are naturally indignant at the way in which they have been treated.

Judge James Black.

The Associate Press reports announce our townsman James Black Esq., the President of the National Temperance Convention, as *Judge* Black. "Far off cows have long horns," and our amiable and philanthropic fellow citizen has quite an imposing presence and a magisterial air; but we are able to assert authoritatively that the only Judicial position he ever occupied was that of Judge of election at one of the polling places in this city. He is a lawyer by profession and has a fine run of pension business, which he conducts with characteristic shrewdness.

A RADICAL newspaper heads an editorial "Go to Work." The people are working and have been for years—working to make money to pay their enormous taxes—working to pay the gold interest claimed and exacted by the bondholder—working for the scanty food and clothes of their wives and little ones, while the bondholders and their families dress in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day. Ah! it is all work with the poor now, and all play with the bondholder.

THE approaching death of Secretary Rawlins interrupted Grant in his round of pleasure, and he has left Saratoga for Washington. How inconsiderate a thing it is for Rawlins to die at such a time.

John W. Geary and the Soldiers of the Mexican War.

On Saturday, July 15th, 1848, and shortly after the return of the Fayette county volunteers from the war with Mexico, they held a meeting in Connellsville, at which the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

> WHEREAS, The discharge and arrival home of the remaining members of the Fayette Volunteers has again placed them in the position of citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and enabled them to speak and assert their rights, they now embrace this occasion, the first opportunity since their return, to express their deep and ABIDING INDIGNATION of the conduct of JOHN W. GEARY, since he was elected to the command of the 2d Penn'a. Regiment at the city of Mexico. The said John W. Geary procured his election by a mere plurality of votes, by FALSEHOOD and DECEPTION—while he was promising to give Company H the privilege of electing their own officers, according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, he, the said Geary, bargained with others for votes, promising and giving appointment in said Company H, to men from other companies who might answer his peculiar purposes. The law of Congress of the 13th May, 1846, calling for Volunteers for the war with Mexico, has this provision:
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> SEC. 5.—And be it further enacted, that the said Volunteers so offering their services shall be accepted by the President, in Companies, battalions, squadrons and regiments, whose officers shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by law in the several States and Territories to which such companies, battalions, squadrons and regiments shall respectively belong."
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> The said Geary, while he availed himself of this law to get himself into a high office, refused the same right to Company H which legally and properly belonged to them. Therefore,
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> *Resolved*, That we the remaining members of the Fayette County Volunteers, view the conduct of the said John W. Geary towards Company H as an OUTRAGE upon their just rights, as secured to them by the laws of Pennsylvania as well as the laws of Congress. The whole course and conduct of the said Geary being INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARACTER OF A GENTLEMAN OR MAN OF HONOR—it was treating us as a set of men who did not know their rights, and who could not appreciate them—it was CORRUPT and MERCENARY in all its bearings, characteristic of a LOW AND GROVELLING CREATURE, hunting and seeking popularity for courage and patriotism THAT HE NEVER EARNED, by bargaining with supple tools and mercenaries, one of whom at least was a notorious blackleg.
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> *Resolved*, That the conduct of trial of 1st Sergt. JOHN A. CUMMINGS, by a Court Martial, for daring to assert his rights and those of the company, was A BASE AND COWARDLY EXERCISE OF USURPED AUTHORITY WHICH PARTY OF THE SAID JOHN W. GEARY—after he, the said Geary, had SURREPTITIOUSLY SUPPRESSED the order of the Adjt. General of this State, (issued by a direction of Governor Shunk) directing an election to fill vacancies in the 2d Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, by election—taking advantage of his STOLEN authority to cover up his WORSE than BASE MOTIVES, and to injure the hard earned fame of a brave and gallant officer.

On motion of Peter A. Johns, it was

Resolved, That all the harm we wish Col. Geary IS THAT HIS DISGRACE MAY FOLLOW HIM THROUGH ALL THE LANES AND AVENUES OF LIFE, AND THAT HE MAY NEVER DIE OR GET OLD.

At the time the above resolutions were passed, Gen. Geary was acting with the Democratic party, and the Fayette county Volunteers were nearly all Democrats. So that his conduct must have been outrageous, to thus call down upon his head the condemnation, not only of his companions in arms, but of his political associates also. Geary is now the Radical candidate for Governor. Is he fit for it? Will not a man who betrays and outrages his soldiers upon the battle-field, betray and outrage the State in the Gubernatorial chair? And has he not already done it? Read the above over again and reflect carefully, before you agree to entrust the executive duties of the State to such a man as John W. Geary.

A Deserved Rebuke.

We take the following from the Ebensburg *Alleghanian*, the leading Radical paper of the county in which the Democratic Candidate for Supreme Judge resides:

> "We observe with pain that the Philadelphia *Press*, and a host of imitators, are busily engaged, day by day and week by week, in the dirty work of attempting to blacken the personal and professional character of Hon. C. L. Pershing, the Democratic nominee for Supreme Judge. "County Squire," Pershing and not Pershing," "a lawyer of no learning and no ability," "a country lout"—these are some of the epithets thrown at Mr. Pershing. We though the day for this species of political warfare was gone. Mr. Pershing is a man of undoubted ability as a lawyer, has made a mark high upon the record as a politician, and is withal a Christian gentleman. We believe our ostracism would do infinitely better service for our party by attacking Mr. Pershing's political principles than Mr. Pershing as an individual.

The rebuke contained in the above paragraph is well deserved. The Radical papers of this State have been engaged in making the most disreputable assaults upon Mr. Pershing. In order to accomplish the purpose they have been compelled to resort to low billingsgate and to downright lying. Mr. Pershing is perfectly unassailable except through the medium of deliberate misrepresentation and gross falsehood.

SENATOR MORTON, of Indiana, on Thursday, in a speech at Pittsburg, undertook to characterize the platforms of the two parties. Said he:

> The Democratic and the Republican platforms, taken together, resemble a double mile-post—that part of the mile-post that looks backward tells you where you came from, and how far you have gone. That is the Democratic party. The other side of the mile-post is the Republican. That looks forward, and tells you how far you have to go.

Thus he ended his speech, and did not tell his hearers where the Radical platform was to take them. This omission is, however, supplied by what the veteran Scotch author, Thos. Carlyle, said to a correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, who tried to get from him a compliment to Radical "progress." Carlyle said:

> "As sure as the Lord reigns, you are rushing down to hell with desperate velocity. The scum of the world has got possession of your country, and nothing can save you from the devil's clutches. Not, perhaps," cried he, raising his voice to its shrillest notes, "a hell burning with material fire and brimstone, but the wide wilt'ering fiery chaos of corruption in high places, and the misrule of the people."

WHEN Geary visited Gettysburg the other day, he spread himself over the battle-field from Big Round Top to Culp's Hill, and endeavored to impress upon visitors the startling information that with his right arm he saved the battle and the cause at three different points, on the three several days of the fight, but had his pin feathers taken from him when the real soldiers came to mark the positions of the several commands. It turned out that the peacock Geary was left very little ground, and that well-sheltered. He became disgusted and left town twenty-four hours earlier than he intended. Geary was under General Slocum on the occasion of the "onpleasantness," and Slocum was at the reunion.

The National Debt.

The "*World*," noticing the jubilations of the Radical journals over the reduction of the public debt last month, by some five millions, and that the country is asked to admire President Grant and his Secretary of the Treasury for so auspicious a result, asks—as well it may—

> "What have they done, during the month of August, to entitle them to this shallow and fulsome praise? They have been journeying and junketing, attending dances and clambakes, horse-races and monster musical festivals; flitting from place to place on pleasure excursions, leaving the government to be run by clerks and subordinates; the President and the whole Cabinet being absent from Washington, and as free from care as the gayest butterflies of fashion that flirt and talk nonsense on the corridors of the watering-place hotels. If the amount of the debt is lessened, small thanks to our jaunting, loafing President and finance minister, who have contributed no more to this result than they have to the unwonted abundance of the August peach crop."

THE Southerners don't care whether the Fifteenth Amendment is carried or not. They had negro suffrage forced upon them under the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments. The white men of the North and West are the most interested in the fifteenth amendment—not the white men of the South

THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION.

Triumph of the Democracy.

The Fifteenth Amendment Doomed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—Notwithstanding that business has been generally suspended in the city to-day, the vote is unusually light. The reports from the interior are favorable to the Democracy.

Frank M'Coppin, Democrat, is elected Mayor by about 1,000 majority. A portion of the independent municipal ticket is elected. The returns from the interior of the State are meagre, but the indications are that the Democrats have secured a majority of the next Legislature. In San Francisco the day was as quiet as Sunday, and there was but little interest manifested in the election.

SECOND DESPATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2, A. M.—The Democratic local tickets throughout the State are generally elected by decided Democratic majorities. The next Legislature will render an emphatic verdict against the fifteenth amendment. San Francisco returns a full Democratic legislative delegation. The vote of the city was light. About 30,000 names were on the register, and less than 22,000 votes were polled. The count of the straight tickets for May