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EVER since his nomination, General Hancock has been receiving congratulatory letters from the soldiers of the Second Corps pledging their fidelity to him in the Presidential campaign.

The following is a copy of a letter he received last week, and is only a sample of the hundreds brought by every mail:

"SPRINGFIELD, O., June 29, 1880.

Major-General W. S. Hancock.

"DEAR SIR: I take the liberty of writing to you, as I am one of the old soldiers belonging to your Second Army Corps, Second Division, Third Brigade, Fourth Ohio Volunteers (Carroll's). I think I have a right to address you. My first vote I cast when in your command in front of Petersburg, Va. I voted for Abraham Lincoln. I have voted for every Republican candidate from that day to this. I have had your photograph in my album for sixteen years, and as soon as you received the nomination I said I would never go back on my old commander. I will support you with all my heart, hoping you may pull through, as you often did in the days of 1863 and 1864, and that you may do as well as we did on the morning of May 12, 1864, at Spotsylvania Court-House. 'Carry the works.' Yours respectfully, 'CHARLES A. SMITH.'"

The Philadelphia Times was charitable enough to believe that Garfield might set himself right in his letter of acceptance. It said: "He may choose that instrument as the means of striking his calumniators dumb with a new and satisfactory explanation of all the charges that are piled up against him. It may be shown that his relations with De Golyer were those of a Christian brother, and that he went into the Credit Mobilier business simply to find out how such things were done and then to expose the rascality. Or it may be shown that both De Golyer and Oakes Ames are myths of partisan manufacture. In either event the vindication of this persecuted man would become the supreme duty of the American people, and what a glorious rallying cry 'vindication' would make!" The Times was sadly mistaken. Garfield's letter has appeared but the expected explanation is missing. He has not one word to say about Credit Mobilier, Oakes Ames, or the De Golyer bribe. These blotches therefore remain upon his character as unsightly as ever.

IF General Garfield, remarks the Boston Globe, had consulted General Butler regarding his Credit Mobilier speculation he would have fared better than he did. He would have at least escaped the charge of perjury which now troubles him and his party so much. Bingham asked Gen. Butler what he should do, and the answer was, "admit the truth of your connection with Ames." Bingham has been forgotten in the matter since, because he did as he was advised. Colfax and Garfield had not the moral courage to do this, and they stand before the country to-day in the most pitiable light.

A DR. TANNER is experimenting in the interest of science in New York, by starving himself. He has undertaken to live without food for forty days, and is attended by a committee of physicians as watchers to see that he gets no food on the sly. He entered upon his 17th day yesterday. What advantage is to accrue to science by a fool starving himself may be apparent hereafter. It is about as clear as mud now.

Hancock in Louisiana.

Gen. William H. Irwin, formerly of Mifflin county, and previous to the war a Republican candidate for Congress in the district composed of Mifflin, Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties, is at present a resident of the State of Louisiana, and the nomination of Gen. Hancock has called forth a letter from him which appears in the Louisville Courier-Journal of late date. It was under the command of General Irwin that the gallant old Pennsylvania 49th went into the service in 1861, and under him it acquired that proficiency and steady discipline that made it throughout the war one of the finest regiments that Pennsylvania had in the field. The General writes of Hancock as follows:

"I had the honor to command one of the regiments of 'Hancock's Brigade'—the Forty-ninth Pennsylvania—during the Maryland campaign of 1862, during which, and in the battle of Antietam, I commanded the third brigade of Smith's division of Franklin's corps, General W. S. Hancock commanding the first and General Brooks the second brigade. After the war I did not resume the practice of law, but was engaged in extensive mining operations in the Juniata Valley, Pa., when, in 1867, Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, United States Army, commanding the Fifth Military district, Texas and Louisiana, offered me, and I accepted, the important and confidential position of attorney at his headquarters in New Orleans. When I reported for duty in December, 1867, cases of nearly every description, and some very serious ones, arose in the wide territory under Gen. Hancock's command. The evidence in regard to these was collated under his immediate eye and was then sent to my office for examination, and a written opinion being prepared, was, with the evidence, transmitted to Gen. Hancock for his final decision. I was thus constantly brought into close official relations with General Hancock; I saw the minute and rigid investigation which public business received from him, heard his views on local and national government, the wants of the impoverished South, the true principles of constitutional liberty, the superiority of the civil over military power, the sacred writ of habeas corpus, the vital necessity of the union of the States and the cultivation of fraternal kindness among the people of all sections, and it gives me the highest satisfaction to declare that they were the views of a man of the purest honor, great intelligence and courage, a patriot and a statesman. They were above all party, all sectional, all personal consideration; absolutely free from selfishness or ambition; it was the only desire of that brave, honest and noble heart and that clear and prescient mind faithfully to discharge the very important duties imposed on him by the government of the United States.

This I know better than any one else can, for I was the legal adviser of Major General Hancock and knew not only his actions, but his motives and intentions.

How wisely, how beneficently this illustrious soldier statesman fulfilled his vast and varied duties the whole world knows. The American people are preparing to reward him with their richest gift. Very respectfully,

WILLIAM HOWARD IRWIN, late attorney at headquarters Fifth Military district, Colonel Forty-ninth regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, Brevet Brigadier General United States Volunteers."

A Motto for 1880.

I have no sort of sympathy with the Republican party because of that act and because it is justified and sustained. After such an act I have no desire to sustain the Republican party in any way. I would not vote for a party that would carry through such a fraud. I think Mr. Hayes was elected by a fraud, and I do not mean to have it said that at the next election I had forgotten it. I do not say that Mr. Hayes committed the fraud, but it was committed by his party. I have no enmity to Mr. Hayes; but after the fraud by which he became president I could not vote for any person put up on the Republican side who did not disavow the fraud committed. I would not support any member of that party who had any sort of mixture with that fraud. I feel that the counting out is just as much a fraud now as at the time it was perpetrated.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

A meeting was held on Friday at the Astor House, New York, of soldiers of the late war, at which the National Hancock Veteran Association was organized. Among those present were Governor McClellan, of New Jersey; Generals W. F. Smith, Franklin, Slocum, McQuade and Woodward, of New York; Love, of Indiana, Morgan, of Ohio, Couch, of Connecticut, Muholland, of Pennsylvania, Colvin, of Massachusetts, Major Hardcastle, of Indiana, and Captain Kennedy, of Vermont. General Smith was appointed temporary chairman. It was decided to establish clubs in all Northern and Western States composed of soldiers and sailors irrespective of party who intend to vote for Hancock. It was also resolved to open headquarters in this city.

Really the crimes of General Hancock transcend belief. It has now been discovered by the Times and Tribune that he once actually allowed himself to be cheated by a skillful operator out of a thousand dollars! There is nothing in the account book of Oakes Ames or the De Golyer contractors to warrant the belief that such an imputation can ever be successfully put upon Gen. Garfield.

The Reading Eagle says that a fish two inches long was taken from the ear of a boy named George Whitman of that city, on Thursday. The fish entered his ear while bathing, remaining two weeks and causing him great pain.

Honesdale has but one colored voter, and Shenandoah has not a colored person within limits.

An Important Convert.

From the Luzerne Union-Leader. General A. L. Pearson, of Allegheny county, has been one of the leading and most influential Republicans of Western Pennsylvania. He was chairman of the Republican city committee of Pittsburg, member for Pennsylvania of the Union Veteran National Committee, and occupant of a number of other positions of importance under his party. He was a brigadier general during the rebellion, has been District Attorney of Pittsburg, to which office he was chosen by the Republicans, and in the prosecution of Republican State campaigns has been one of the most trusted lieutenants of the chiefs of his party. A telegram from Pittsburg dated the 2d, announced that, "much to the surprise of everybody," he had declared himself for Hancock and English. That evening General Pearson addressed an immense Hancock ratification meeting at Greensburg, Westmoreland county. In the course of his speech he said:

"Probably we can even carry the Republican stronghold of Allegheny county, for we have the lines of battle drawn as Hancock had them drawn at the battle of Gettysburg and somebody will get hurt. The Republicans do not always carry this State. It is but a few years since we elected a Democrat for lieutenant governor, John Latta, of Greensburg. He was a soldier, and I firmly believe another soldier will assume the position in November by carrying this State, and that is General Hancock. You may wonder why I am so enthusiastic over General Hancock but no man living can describe him. You must see him as I have seen him on the field of battle. General Hancock is as pure a man at heart as any man living. He is honest, he is capable, he is the best ideal of the soldier-statesman."

General Pearson has resigned his position as chairman of the City Republican Committee of Pittsburg, and on Saturday addressed the following letter to General Grant:

"PITTSBURG, PA., July 3, 1880.

To General U. S. Grant, Chairman Union Veterans' National Committee.

GENERAL: After seven years' connection with the Union Veterans' National Committee, over which you have the honor to preside, I am compelled to tender my resignation as the member from Pennsylvania. I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the influence of the great historical party is ended and ought to end, that those who pretend to keep up its organization are doing so for office and gain, and that its encouragement of sectional hate is a constant menace to the Union. No permanent issues worthy of being called national issues divide the two parties. Free trade and protection are alike the interest of localities, and hence we find free-trade Republicans in the West and East with protective Democrats in the Middle States. The entire issue that divides the two opposing parties is the issue of hate and usurpation on the side of the Republican party with military dictation at the polls. Against this dangerous policy the Democratic party has arrayed itself and has chosen as its standard bearer the gallant General Winfield Scott Hancock, who has placed himself squarely on that issue by proclaiming that the right of trial by the jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons and the rights of property must be preserved. In choosing between these two parties I cannot see how a patriot can blunder. Surely every soldier, who fought with Hancock to conquer peace will vote with him and for him to make that peace effectual and permanent. Entertaining the highest respect for my fellow-committeemen and earnestly hoping that they will view this important matter in the light that I do and come to the same conclusion, viz: to vote for Gen. Hancock, I am very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. L. PEARSON."

We commend this admirable letter to the careful perusal of every soldier who fought for and every citizen who loves the Union. It is an admirable presentation of the only issue of real importance that awaits the immediate arbitrament of the people. It re-echoes sentiments frequently expressed in these columns, sentiments that must needs go home to large numbers of voters who have not heretofore acted with the Democratic party and impel them to enrollment under Hancock and English in November.

Heavy Importation of Iron.

THE OPERATORS HERE PREDICT IMPROVEMENT IN THE AUGUST SALES.

From Sunday's Philadelphia Times.

Although several months have elapsed since orders for foreign iron went out from this country shipments are still arriving daily. This is due to the fact that importations were made "on future delivery" and that at that time it was impossible to find sufficient transporting facilities, owing to the tremendous bulk of the orders. During the past week or ten days especially the receipts in this city have aggregated 150,000 tons of bar, scrap and pig iron, and it was naturally supposed that it would largely effect the trade, but inquiries among operators yesterday showed that this is not the case. It is thought that the greatest bulk of the importations is in and the receipts will soon cease altogether. At present the stock of foreign iron in Philadelphia is estimated at an amount not exceeding 100,000 tons, a large proportion of which belongs to New York parties. The stock here would be very much larger but for the fact that owners are distributing it all over the country and storing for future sales. The American product is preferred by consumers and many will not have the foreign iron, and while prices have been shaded in consequence of the latter the market is not only stronger, with steady indications for further improvement, but there is a growing disposition to purchase on future delivery. The foreign iron at present arriving had been lost sight of by the general trade, owing to the lapse of time since it was ordered and the delay occasioned by shipments being made principally in sailing vessels, and frequently as ballast, but it has not occasioned alarm, as the scare came and went with the overstocked market in the spring. The iron operators predict great improvement in the August sales both in prices and demand.

General Hancock at Gettysburg.

THE STORY OF THE SURGEON WHO DRESSED HIS WOUND IN THE THIRD DAY'S FIGHT.

From the New York Sun.

Dr. Alexander N. Dougherty, of Newark, was medical director of the Second corps when it was commanded by Gen. Hancock. He is a Republican, and was postmaster of Newark under Grant's first administration. He will, however, vote for Hancock. He said yesterday: "When Gen. Hancock succeeded Gen. Couch as commander of the old Second corps, I became his medical director. At the battle of Gettysburg he commanded the First, Second and Third corps, one-half of the army. In the third day's fight at Gettysburg he was wounded, and I was sent for. I found him lying on the hill slope under a tree and facing the enemy. There was a deep, wide gash in his leg, near the groin. In the wound were wood splinters and a ten-penny nail. Gen. Hancock was anxious to know what the rebels were using in their shells. He thought he had been wounded by splinters from one of the enemy's shells. We put him into an ambulance, and I lay down beside him. Then we drove through a hot fire to my hospital. 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