

THE IMPENDING CONTEST.

The people may as well face the facts and prepare for the inevitable struggle. The enemy in front is the same that has confronted the party of patriotism and progress for twenty-five years.

But as all roads lead to Rome, so all by-ways in politics lead into the enemy's camp. The masses seem to have discovered this in time to prevent a disaster last November.

At what time during the war did any Republican suggest Democratic rule as a measure of safety or relief to the republic? To these questions there can be but one reply: and that is that at no time for ten years prior to, or during the war for national unity did any pronounced Republican regard the possibility of Democratic rule with other than the gravest apprehensions.

The next question is—When, if ever, has the Democratic management, within the last twenty-five years, abandoned a single purpose it cherished and avowed from the beginning of that period down to and throughout the war? In what has it changed its intentions or modified its policy? Who of its old leaders who crowned it with the infamy of treason has been discarded? Which of its old time methods has it put away? What use did it make of power partially regained? What did it do when it gained the House that betokens a better mind and a more patriotic purpose?

It is reported in Democratic circles in Ohio that Governor Brantner must make way for Congressman Ricker as the party candidate for Governor, who is supposed to have made himself a tower of strength by reason of his being the author of the pension arrangements bill.

Two votes only were cast for Hayes and Wheeler in Buchanan County, Va., in 1876, and the Richmond Way is glad to hear that those two have since taken their departure.

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

During the era of extravagance and debt accumulation consequent upon the enhanced values and inflated currency of the war times, there was a notable increase of the debts of corporations and counties. The latter, in many cases, endeavoring to avert the consequences of the draft, compromised by the payment of large bounties to substitutes, relieving the citizens from the necessity of personal military duty, but saddling township, boroughs and counties with a heavy indebtedness, which years of burdensome taxes, in many cases, has not yet been sufficient to wipe off.

Will there be an extra session of Congress? It is a question that puzzles the wisest of the Washington correspondents, and which seems to be not easy of solution. The Democracy is divided as to the policy of creating the necessity for calling together the new Congress before the regular day of assembling.

PETER HERDIC, who has gone south for the benefit of his health, has left behind him as a remembrance, a debt incurred by the city of Williamsport of nearly \$500,000, in bonds and overdue interest, issued in 1898, when he "ran" the city, for the laying of Nicholson pavement, building sewers, and other improvements.

It is a hopeful sign of the times that renewed activity is permeating every branch of the iron trade. Prices are rapidly advancing, and the demand in many branches of the trade is so great that several mills in the State have refused to take orders for future delivery, except at largely advanced figures.

It is stated that an attempt will be made during the first session of the next Congress to relieve the political disabilities of Jefferson Davis. The Mississippi Bourbon programme is to make him the successor of Mr. Raker in the United States Senate.

THE DEATHS IN THIS CITY LAST WEEK.

The deaths in this city last week numbered 349, an increase of 20 over those of the previous week last year, and four less than those of the corresponding period of last year.

Formey's Progress calls attention to the fact that Philadelphia has a Collector of Customs from Chester County; a naval officer from Northumberland; a surveyor from Bradford; a Postmaster from Montgomery; an Assistant United States Treasurer from Franklin; a Director of the Mint from Cumberland; and an Appraiser from Chester.

General W. H. H. Davis, Mr. Judge Mercer's brother, had a horse presented in New Mexico 23 years ago; the faithful animal which carried him through the war, died a few days ago at Doylestown.

Special Correspondence of the Bradford Reporter. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26, 1919. The municipal election took place on Tuesday, and was rather a tame affair, though a full vote was generally polled.

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STATE NEWS.

The new middle penitentiary, at Huntingdon, will have 1200 cells. It is the local election at Chester, last week, three Democrats and two Republicans were elected to council.

Seven hundred and eighty-two people were under treatment at Diamond Island asylum, near Pottsville, during the last week. The Democrats have 10 majority in the council.

At a public sale on the premises of Joseph H. Gaylor, in a frame cornered between Howard Epler, aged 22 years and a bucker named Ammerberger, about a year ago. After a long fight, Ammerberger was killed by a bullet from the muzzle of a gun.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

HARDWARE. REDUCED PRICES. H. T. JUNE, AGENT. In view of a large and general assortment of hardware, cutlery, tools, etc., we have decided to reduce our prices.

THE Graphic and New Jewel. The most perfect and ornamental heating stove in the world. The Gosip, the best low-priced stove for offices and chambers ever made.

FOR Horse-Shoes and Horse-Shoes. TUNWARE—a large and general assortment at low prices. A LARGE stock of Bar, Square, Round, Half-round, Cold, Half-round, and Hot Iron.

WINDOW GLASS, from 72 1/2 to 75 1/2. SCREWS and Tacks, direct from the manufacturers, for sale at wholesale or retail at reduced prices.

LAMP, Lamp Burners, Chimneys, Shades, and Wicks of every variety. ROPE, Sail, Cord, Twine and Wick, all sizes.

MECHANICS will find a good assortment of hardware, cutlery, tools, etc., at low prices. A LARGE stock of Philadelphia Cutlery and Tin Goods.

POWELL, Shot and Caps, for sale at low prices. BLASTING Powder, at low prices. FILES and Rasps, a full assortment.

EMERY Cloth and Paper, at low prices. BRASS Kettles and Hollow Ware, at low prices. GREAT BARGAINS!

J. DOUTRICH, MERCHANT TAYLOR. Optic Park, TOWANDA, PA. FANCY SUITINGS and PANTALOONS. GOODS JUST ARRIVED.

VERY LOWEST PRICE. LACEL, MATALES, CLARKING, GENTS FURNISHING GOODS. Window Shades. Silk Handkerchiefs, Colored Towels, Suspenders, Underclothing.

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HOLIDAY GOODS. There is nothing that will give so much satisfaction and remain fresh in one's mind so long as a nice PARLOR or CHAMBER SUITE, and in order that all may purchase, we have decided to sell our ENTIRE STOCK of these fine goods at WHOLESALE PRICES, until after the HOLIDAYS. Be sure and COME AT ONCE, and bring the CASH to our MAMMOTH STORE on Main St., where you will find just what your wife has been after for a long time, and remember you will SAVE MONEY by paying CASH and buying before Christmas.

J. O. FROST'S SONS. Towanda, Pa., Dec. 17, 1918.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that all persons interested in the estate of John H. Brantner, late of Bradford County, Pa., deceased, are requested to make their claims known to the undersigned, administrator of said estate, at his office, in the town of Towanda, Pa., on or before the 15th day of March, 1919, at which time and place all parties having claims against said estate are invited to present them or be barred from coming in upon the same.

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