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Grand Soldiers' and Sailors' Convention at Pittsburgh.

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## Elequent and Patriotic Addresses and Resolutions.

## Enthusiastically Endorsed. Geary

PITTSBURGH, June 5th, [Special to the Press.]—This morning the Pittsburgh dele-gation, accompanied by a band, escorted the stranger delegates to the new Academy of Music, which was handsomely decorated. In a few moments five hundred soldiers, from every portion of the State were seated on the lower floor, while the galleries were crowded with spectators.

At ten o'clock, Gen. Hartranft called the At ten o clock, Gen. Harmann canet the assembly to order. On motion of Colonel Bills, Major General Negley, of Allegheny, appointed temporary chairman. Gei Negley made a few remarks, thanking the meeting for the honor conferred upon him. Geo. W. Glenn, of Dauphin, was elected

Secretary. General Collis moved that the delegates pledge themselves to conform to the deci-sions of the convention. Gen. Owen could sions of the convention. Gen. Owen could not see the necessity of passing such a reso-lution now, as he considered that any true soldier who participated was in honor bound to conform to the action of the convention. The resolution was temporarily postponed. A committee on credentials was appointed with Capt. Conner, of Philadelphia, as obairman.

chairman. A recess of half an hour was then taken. The report of the committee on credentials was made and accepted. Adjutant Conner, of Philadelphia, moved that a committee of thirteen (which was af-terwards increased to thirty three) be appointed in permanent organization. Carried. Sergeant Anthony Gifford, of Philadel-phia, a one-armed soldier, was appointed

Chairman of the committee. On motion, a committee of thirty-three was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, with Gen.

Fisher as chairman, Previous to the appointment Lieut, Rey-nolds, of Lancaster, made a speech in favor of Gen. Fisher, who, he said, represented the home of Thaddeus Stevens, [Immense applause.]. The committee on permanent organization

reported for permanent officers Gen. Joshua T. Owens as chairman; and among the vice presidents were Col. William B. Thomas, Captain Henry Conner, Captain W. Hopkins, Colonel Gideon Clarke, General Col-lis, Philadelphia; and Barnes, of Alleghany. They escorted Gen. Owen to the chair. He was received with great applause, and sucke as follows: spoke as follows:

COMRADES: I return my heartfelt thanks, not only for myself, but for the city of Philadelphia, whom you have honored by electing me to this position. It seems to me that all circumstances and surroundings here tend to show clearly to every man present that this Convention is the most important that has been held in Pennsylvania for many years. Who are you that are assembled here in this iron city, the conduct of whose citizens during the war have immortalized

Fellow-soldiers, who, by concert of action in the field, saved the Government and preserved the proud banner under which preserved the proud banner under which you fought, what do you propose to do? Not to revolutionize parties or introduce any new doctrines, but simply to determine that the institutions of the country shall be that the institutions of the country shall be so permanently established, and the fruits of the war so thoroughly gathered, and the principles involved by contest of arms be incorporated into our statutes that peace shall be as lasting as our victory was comns are somewhat excited

as to what we may de; but they need have no fear if they are true to principles and to the traditions of our Government; but if they are false they will find we are combined against

You have proven to the whole world that you are willing to sacrifice your lives for your country; and if you were trusted with the destinies of the Union on the 3d of July, 1864, on the field of Gettysburg, where our liberty and the honor of our flag were in jeopardy, you have proved yourselves equal to the task of securing the one and vindi-cating the other, why may you not in civil life be trusted as well? But we feel the hand of the coward; and since his baptism of blood I will wager my life he is true to the country.

Under the general character of the call for the convention all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors were invited to attend; and in providing for the best interests of the soldiers and sailors is it not the duty of the convention to indicate its preference for a true soldier to one who, during the whole struggle, did all in his power to cripple the operations of the Government in its efforts to suppress the rebellion? [Long and con-tinuous cheering.] Is it not to our common interest that loyal men only be elected to office? I find upon the banners which adorn the stage the emblazoned names of Lockerst the stage the emblazoned names of Lookout Mountain, Wauhatchie, Missionary Ridge, and we know who, in those battles, illus trated the prowess of Pennsylvanians by his deeds and valor. Gen. John W. Geary, by his conduct in those terrible battles, has ndeared himself to us and all true men of the Stat

General Owen referred to topics of general interest to soldiers, increased pensions to widews and orphans, equalization of bounwidews and orphans, equalization of boun-ties to volunteers and granting places of honor and profit to those who have been faithful to the country on battle-fields. He concluded as follows: Who shall give utterconcluded as follows: who shall give unter-ance to the dallying day of the future? What thes shall bind together the hosts whose con-cert of action shall make perpetual the peace conquered by your arms? The generals who by their skill have made the Ame rican name immortal, and the gallant offi cers and men whose common suffering in a common cause have united them togethe with ligaments of steel.

General Collis offered the following: Resolved, That the delegates to this con-vention pledge themselves to conform to and endorse the action of the convention. and endorse the action of the convention. The resolution was opposed by Captain Rauch, of Berks, who regarded it as an im-putation upon the integrity of the delegates. After some discussion it was unanimously adopted, and the convention adjourned till half-past four o'clock.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of Gen. J. S. Brisbin, Col. T. E. Rose, of the 177th Re-giment; Capt. Taylor, Col. J. K. Murphy, Col. Wm. Diehl and Major Patterson were

Col. Wm. Diehl and Major Patterson were requested to take seats on the platform. Col. Keatly of Blair, made an eloquent speech. The late struggle had proven the people able to govern themselves and riveted in the hearts of the people the principle of re-publicanism. He referred to the name, "Boys in Blue," a name which will make traitors everywhere shudder. He believed that on resurrection morn the first note that Gab-riel would sound would be that they had triumphed. He thought that if we had an American tribune he should also have a American tribune he should also have a pretorian guard, and if treason was to be made odious, it should not be by rewarding inade octools, it should not be by rewarding traitors. He alluded to Geary's glorious military services, a man who had never flinched, and to the conservatism which had cost us so many valuable lives on the Chick-

abominy, Gen. Brisbin, of the regular army, addressed the convention. He was glad that the Pennsylvania soldiers had taken the steps to organize to protect the liberties of fore the people of Pennsylvania as a candi-date for the office of Governor, we, his fellow-soldiers, in that time of trial, pledge to him our hearty support, and ask the same for him from all those who acknowledge the debt of gratitude due from the country to its saviours.

Tenth—That the soldiers of Pennsylvania recognize no warmer or truer friend than Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin. His name is our watchword; his fame our hope, and his merit our glory. The unswerving love of the soldier's friend will be reciprocated

by their unfaltering devotion. Eleventh—That we appeal hopefully to Congress for speedy decision on the ques-tion of equalization of bounties to soldiera. Twelfth—That believing treason is a crime

and that traitors should be punished, we demand that the leading traitors should be convicted and executed as an example to traitors for all time to come.

Thirteenth-That this convention is able to express its sentiments upon the whole mat ter of the issues and candidates in a few words, which may answer for our banner inscriptions the coming campaign. God grant Geary victory! Fourteenth-That the legislation whereby

Congress attempted to defend and protect our allies, the loyal men of the South, against the deadly hatred of the common enemies, to make good for a race freedom proffered as the price of aid and awarded as the due of loyalty, deserves our unqualified approval. approval.

approval. Fifteenth—That we require Congress so to legislate as to protect American industry by a high protective tariff. Col. Bayne, of Allegheny, offered a reso-lution, as follows: Resolved, That the loyal majority in Con-gress deserves our gratitude; that radical vices require radical remedies; and that the nation should take no step backward in her march to the grand destiny that surely march to the grand destiny that surely awaits the unfaltering and persistent adhe

Captain Fuller, of Fayette, moved to amend by approving of the amendments proposed by the Senate, and said he hoped the resolution against Johnson would be oassed. oassed

passed. Major Schenck, of Lancaster, asked who felt any pride in the Pennsylvania Senators at Washington? He was in favor of stand-ing by the popular branch of Congress, and asked where were Johnson's monuments of justice. Never mind how many monu-ments of mercy he might make let us stand ments of mercy he might make, let us stand by Congress and make treason odious. Compared with the words of Andrew John-Son, those of Judas sink into insignificance. General Fisher said that the members of the resolution committee were all radical, and he would just as leave indorse Cowan as Johnson. The resolution presented by them he thought sufficiently radical.

A delgate from Berks, who is secretary of a Democratic Club in Reading, arose to speak, when General Collis asked him if he intended to conform to the proceedings of the Convention, or vote for Clymer. After some equivocation he said for "Clymer." General Collis said the presence of such a delegate was an insult to himself and his comrades.

Captain C. Turner, of Philadelphia, moved that two one-legged soldiers be appointed to escort him out, and offered to be one of the two, as his indignation was intense.

The Copperhead delegate quistly retired at the suggestion of the chairman, On motion of Captain Fuller, the resolu-tion was voted down, and Colonel Bayne's passed by an almost unanimous vote, amid

General Thomas L. Kean offered and had

passed a resolution stating that the distinc-tion between rank and file and the officers and their families is now uncalled for, and should not be continued on the pension rolls, and that pensions should be equalized,

the true standard of value, and the preven-tion of financial troubles which so many had anticipated as the legitimate consequences of the war, and a superabundan

circulating medium. In the exercise of the discretion conferred In the exercise of the discretion conferred upon him, Mr. Van Dyck has found it necessary for many months past to make but few sales, and had it not been for the demand which arose in the latter part of February, based upon apprehended politi-cal complications, and not upon commercial necessities, which demand it was deemed judicious to meet, and the existing and unexpected financial crisis in Europe. the gold in the Treasury would have been permitted to accumulate up to the present ime.

The demand in February was met by the sale of some fifteen millions of dollars, at a premium of between 37 and 38 per cent. premium of between 37 and 38 per cent., after which the rate gradually declined to 24½ per cent., beyond which point it was not deemed advisable that it should go; and as there was little commercial demand, no sales by the Government were deemed necessary until unfavorable financial intelligence was received from Europe. Upon the receipt of this intelligence the

demand became active, but it was not with-out a heavy depletion of the Treasury. On demand became active, but it was not with-out a heavy depletion of the Treasury. On the receipt, however, of the disastrous news by the Cuba the demand assumed a serious character. This news reached New York late if the afternoon, but before the Stock Board had closed. It was then too late to obtain instructions from this Department, and sales were resolutely continued, amid unparalleled excitement. Had there been time for Mr. Van Dyck to advise me in re-gard to the news brought over by the Cuba, and to receive my instructions, the proba-bility is that sales would have been sus-pended before so large an amount of coin had been disposed of; but, in the light of facts since developed, I concur in the opin-ion expressed by him that a suspension of sales before the demand had been freely supplied would have added to the excite-ment and resulted in a panic, which would ment and resulted in a panic, which would have produced serious and extensive disaster.

I received intelligence of the unexpected heavy sales with regret, but I have since become satisfied that the action of the Assistant Treasurer and his agent was not only under the circumstances, courageous, but judicious. This opinion, as I am advised, is entertained by most of the soundest mer-chants and bankers of New York. The corchants and bankers of New York. The cor-rectness or incorrectness of it can be better determined when the effect of the sales and the heavy and, perhaps, consequent ship-ment of coin upon the English market, and the reactive influence thereof upon our own shall be fully ascertained

the reactive influence thereof upon our own shall be fully ascertained. It may not be improper for me, in conclu-sion, to remark, (although the fact is indi-cated in the accompanying letter, that the selection of the agents and the manner of disposing of the gold was committed to the discretion of Mr. Van Dyck, and that but for the unexpected seles in February and for the unexpected sales in February and May the services of Mr. Myers, who for months had neglected his own business in looking after the public interests at the gold looking after the public interests at the gold room, would have been a gratuity to the Government, I am, with great respect, H. McCurloch,

Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of th House of Representatives.

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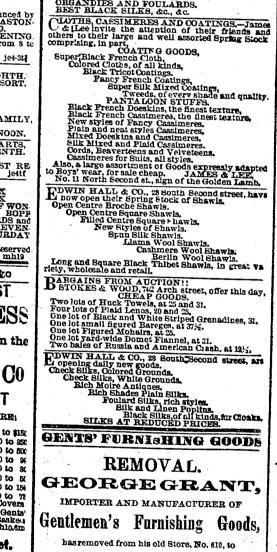
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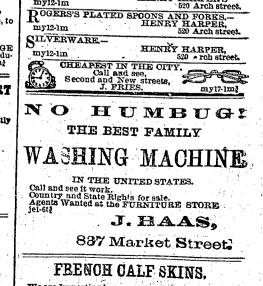
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