

The Conduct of the War. There has been, and doubtless will continue to be a wide difference of opinion in regard to the origin and the necessity of the war in which the country is now so unsharply engaged, but among sensible and patriotic men there ought to be but one opinion as to the proper method of conducting the conflict while it is to continue.

Emancipation. The Independent of this week is brimful of pestilent Abolitionism. The most objectionable part of it, to be sure, is in articles written by correspondents, but the prominence assigned them in the make-up of the paper, and the strong leaning in the same direction in its editorial comments, justify us in attributing to the Independent a deliberate purpose to make itself a vehicle of abolition sentiments. It allows Dr. Cheever to expatiate on "the irritating mischiefs produced by the Northern Government and Administration in refusing to direct the war against slavery," and on the "infinite importance of immediately striking that blow against slavery, and which will retrieve our affairs and our reputation, and save us from the dreadful disaster," &c. It gives space to a long article by Charles L. Brace, entitled "The Key to Victory," which opens with the inquiry, "Why will not we people see that the only key to victory is a 'proclamation of emancipation.'"

Democratic Committee Meeting. Pursuant to notice, the Democratic Committee met at the Keystone Hotel, in Montrose, on Monday, August 28th. On motion it was agreed that a Democratic Convention be held at the Court House in Montrose, on Monday, September 10, 1861, to nominate a ticket to be presented to the people at the coming election. It was also directed that the usual delegate elections be held at the customary places, on Saturday, September 14th, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock, a. m.; and that the following named persons are hereby authorized and requested to attend and superintend the same: TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES. Auburn—E. J. Mowry, S. Brundage, D. Ross. Ararat—L. O. Baldwin, B. H. Dix, J. H. Tooley. Apolacoon—P. Walsh, M. Nolan, P. Ryan. Bridgewater—Thomas Johnson, O. S. Beebe, F. M. Williams. Brookline—E. G. Williams, R. O. Miles, Alvin Albrich. Clifford—Jas. W. Lowry, D. W. Williams, J. Dolton. Chocomauc—Jacob Kimble, M. Hickey, M. Stanley. Dundaif—B. Ayres, H. S. Phinney, E. P. Chambers. Dimock—L. A. Main, C. C. Mills, C. J. Lathrop. Franklin—J. Watson, 2d, Henry L. Smith, F. A. Smith. Forest Lake—H. N. Brewster, W. Harvey, J. Bradshaw. Friendsville—M. C. Sutton, J. Mead, N. Y. Leet. Great Bend—N. S. Griggs, D. Thomson, W. D. Lusk. Gibson—R. Tuttle, J. Smiley, C. N. Miller. Harford—E. T. Follet, D. L. Hine, A. G. Raymond. Herrick—Abel Kent, A. Tilden, H. Lyon. Harmony—Wm. Tremain, L. Norton, J. W. Austin. Jackson—O. H. Perry, E. N. Tucker, D. M. Farrar. Jessup—W. C. Handrick, I. E. Bireland, Albert Kelsey. Lathrop—E. M. Tewksbury, D. B. Paekert, Lyman Samuels. Lenox—A. Titus, A. L. Jeffers, II. White. Liberty—R. Bailey, J. B. Chalker, C. Safford. Middletown—L. Curley, N. Camp, S. Dodge. Montrose—C. L. Brown, C. D. Lathrop, H. C. Tyng. New Milford—D. McMillan, E. Albrich, A. B. Smith. New Milford Boro.—W. C. Ward, T. Boyle, H. Garratt. Oakland—Levi Westfall, O. Phelps, M. Shotts. Rush—J. W. Granger, Geo. Harvey, E. Maynard. Susquehanna—G. Curtis, A. W. Rowley, A. J. Seymour. Springville—Dr. I. B. Lathrop, W. B. Handrick, H. N. Sherman. Silver Lake—T. Sullivan, J. O. Day, Jos. Ward. Thomson—C. Wrighter, R. V. Whitcomb, Chester Stoddard. C. S. Gilner, Secy.

The Law of Treason. As there has been a good deal of talk about "treason," of late, we reprint the following from the Pennsylvania Law. We believe that this is the only existing law that declares any words to be treason, and the words here referred to really amount to acts: AN ACT Supplemental to an act, entitled "An Act to consolidate, revise and amend the Penal Laws of this Commonwealth," approved March thirty-first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty. SECTION 1. Be it enacted &c., That if any person belonging to or residing within this State, and under the protection of its laws, shall take a commission, or commissions from any person, state or states, or from the enemies of this State, or of the United States of America, or who levy war against this State or Government thereof, or knowingly and willingly shall aid or assist any enemies in open war against this State or the United States by joining their armies, or by enlisting, or persuading others to enlist for that purpose, or by furnishing such enemies with arms or ammunition, or any other article for their aid and comfort, or by carrying on a traitorous correspondence with them in any form, or in anywise concerned in forming any combination or plot or conspiracy, for betraying this or the United States of America into the hands or power of any foreign enemy, or any organized or pretended Government engaged in resisting the laws of the United States, or shall give or send any intelligence to the enemies of this State or of the United States of America, or shall, with intent to oppose, prevent or subvert the Government of this State or of the United States, endeavor to persuade any person or persons from entering the service of this State or the United States, or from joining any volunteer company or association of state about being mustered into service, or shall use any threats or persuasions, or offer any bribe, or hold out any hope of reward, with like intent to induce any person or persons to abandon said service, or withdraw from any volunteer company or association already organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, for that purpose; every person so offending and being legally convicted thereof, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced to undergo solitary imprisonment in the penitentiary, at hard labor, for a term not exceeding ten years, and be fined in a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court: Provided, That this act shall not prohibit any citizen from taking or receiving civil commissions for the acknowledgment of deeds or other instruments of writing.

POSTAGE STAMPS. The old postage stamps will be recognized, or exchanged for the NEW stamps for the period of SIX DAYS from the date hereof; after which the old stamps will not be recognized at this office. Per order of the Postmaster General. D. R. LATHROP, P. M. Postoffice, Montrose, Sept. 10th, 1861.

4TH ANNUAL FAIR OF THE HARFORD AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION. WILL BE HELD FOR 1861, ON THE FAIR GROUNDS, AT HARFORD VILLAGE, ON THURSDAY, OCT. 3. REGULATIONS. The Secretary will have an office upon the grounds at which the judges are requested to meet at ten o'clock, when their names will be called and vacancies filled. They will also be furnished with necessary instructions and facilities for making out their reports. Exhibitors desiring to compete for premiums will be furnished by the Secretary with a card, on entering the articles or animals to be exhibited. Superintendent of different departments will have all articles and animals systematically arranged. The officers of the Society and superintendents will be known by their official badges. A sufficient police force will be on the ground during the day, to protect the property of exhibitors. Members of the Society only are entitled to premiums, but persons not belonging to the Society may exhibit articles or animals without competing for premiums. The annual address will be delivered by J. B. McCollum, Esq., of Montrose, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The services of the Harford Brass Band have been secured for the occasion, and they will be in attendance during the entire day. PREMIUM LIST. CLASS I—Horses. Best stallion over 4 years and one of his colts, \$12, 2d best 1; best pair, matched horses 12, 2d best 1; best single horse or mare 12, 2d best 1; best brood mare and colt 12, 2d best 1. Judges—Milbourne Oakley, Harford; F. P. Badger, New Milford; S. G. Stiles, Gibson.

CLASS XV—Domestic Goods. Best 5 yds. wool flannel 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best 5 yds. plaid flannel 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best 5 yds. filled cloth 80 cts, second best 25 cts; best rag carpet 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best yarn carpet 60 cts, second best 25 cts; best 1 doz. wool socks 50, second best 25 cts; best 2 doz. wool mittens 25 cts; best stocking yarn 25 cts. Judges—J. W. Tyler, Mrs. Jared Tyler, New Milford; Mrs. Jonas Adams, Mrs. Ira Carpenter.

CLASS XVI—Ornamental Needle Work. Best patch work, 15 cts, second best 25 cts; best quilt of any other kind 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best worked spread 80 cts, second best 25 cts; best worked collar 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best worked skirt 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best bonnet 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best ladies' ascot 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best all painting on canvas 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best drawing 50 cts, second best 25 cts; best picture frame 25 cts; best painting of any kind 25 cts. Judges—W. B. Guile, Miss S. A. Adams, Miss I. A. Sweet, Miss Julia Carpenter.