

LETTER FROM PORT ROYAL.

BEAUFORT, S. C. May 30th, 1862. CHARLES DAY: Dear Friend—The battle of Pocotaligo occurred May 20th. On the evening previous we received orders to take the boats we had been collecting at Bricklayer Point, Lady's Island, to Port Royal ferry—the ferry between Port Royal Island and the mainland. We crossed from thence early in the morning, and took our march along Charleston road towards Gardner's Corners, four miles from Port Royal Ferry; driving in the enemy's pickets. Our force consisted of the 50th Pa. Regiment and two companies of cavalry; followed, not supported, by a battery of two guns, and the 8th Michigan. From thence it is seven miles to Pocotaligo, a station on the railroad. Leaving company E at this point we continued our march; Capt. G. Z. Dimock leading the skirmishers along the sides of the road in advance of the column, while I followed down the vertical rays upon the already heated sand we marched along, still driving in the enemy's mounted pickets, till within about a mile of Pocotaligo, when the enemy made a stand and received us right gallantly; taking their position behind an embankment and some large oak trees, and every other cover that afforded them shelter from our fire; and although the different companies of our regiment went boldly into the woods at the command of our gallant Colonel, the enemy was very cautious of his well chosen position, and seemed for a time to baffle the efforts of our noble fellows; Capt. Looker of company H was killed, and several of the boys were wounded, including Collins Sterling, of Company D, and were carried to the rear. The command was given to retreat if the enemy could not be dislodged; and the day was thus doubtful. Company D, being the last company called, with the exception of those acting as skirmishers with Captain Dimock in the woods, was ordered forward, and marched steadily on till within a few rods of the enemy, where, led by Lieut. J. C. Foot, we made a charge at double-quick, making the echoes with our shouts, and in an instant were upon the enemy, who fled, crying like whipped children; we following and shooting and taking prisoners all who were not fortunate enough to get out of reach. Behind were the rest of our regiment, relieved by the noble derring of company D from the gallant fire of the enemy. Farther back was our dead officer and wounded companions; while in front and around us were the enemy flying as fast as feet horse could carry them from us, with the exception of their dead and wounded officers. The fight lasted about three hours, and we captured horses, guns and swords. Captain Dimock got two fine horses; the scotch rider I saw shot from one by a member of company D. One young man was captured, who, after giving up his gun, said to one of our men, "I will give you my pistol if you will not kill me!" One of their men rode up to our cavalry, mistaking it for his, and of course went with our regiment to Beaufort. The fight was complete, and the panic and consternation of the enemy could not have been greater. We had lost from 11 to 1, and no man fell to contend with the "Charleston Sharpshooters"—the flower of "southern chivalry"—an independent regiment that work without pay, find arms and equip themselves. We had been up all the night before, and the morning from the frigate on the bay, but a chance to engage the foe after the companies had tried in vain to dislodge him, inspired us with the determination to win or die. As we went back over the ground on which the charge was made, my greatest wonder was that we were not half killed in making it; whereas, not one was hurt during the onset. We marched back and recrossed the river that night, in the morning our regiment marched ten miles to camp at Beaufort, and our company took boats for Lady's Island, about the same distance, to resume our duties as out-pickets, where we have been stationed for the last two months, in sight of the mainland. During our stay on Lady's Island, we have been frequently on the mainland; indeed almost every day of late, capturing beef, cotton, and any and everything that could find, driving in the rebel pickets, &c. Thursday, May 22d, a week before the battle of Pocotaligo, we went over to the island with a party of the boys—drove in a rebel picket post about 11 o'clock at night. The next morning Lieutenant Foot led a squad of us along the road leading to Charleston, and drove in the enemy's pickets as far as Gardner's Corners, where we secured a skirmish from our guns, whenever we got near enough to them; and the enemy showed us some tall riding as often in the direction of Charleston.—One day some time since, we scouted a party three miles from where we left our boats, and came upon a small camp of the enemy; they charged upon us and we waited for them at the edge of a wood, but they did not choose to come very near; we tried several times to engage them but they kept at a distance. Capt. D. left a note on a tree: "I admire your horses, but—Captain S. such cowardly riders." Signed, "Capt. G. Z. Dimock, Co. D, 50th Regiment Pa. Volunteers, commanding a scouting party of ten men." I have tried thus to give you a brief and accurate description of the battle of Pocotaligo as a specimen of the fun we have here.

The Mayor of Boston and Gov. Andrew.

WASHINGTON, June 17, 1862.—A copy of a letter from the Mayor of Boston to President Lincoln has been published in my hands, and it has the ring of true patriotism, and, without doubt, expresses the real feeling of the people, not only of Massachusetts, but of the whole country. I send it to you for perusal, and if you choose for publication, it is a manly document, and full of wholesome doctrine.—Those who have read it here wonder why it is that the noble old Bay State, so renowned in days past for the ability and sound judgment of the statesmen she sent to the Senate of the United States, is not now represented in that important body by such men as this letter proves Mayor Wightman to be. The following is the letter:—[Cor. Phila. Inquirer.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Boston, May 23, 1862. Sir:—I am induced to write you this from a sense of duty, for the purpose of repeating, in the plainest manner, the sentiments that the Governor of Massachusetts is authorized to speak for the loyal citizens of the State in proposing any conditions in regard to the question of slavery, as affecting a further requisition by you for volunteers. There may, possibly, be small sections, or towns, in the Commonwealth, where the doctrine of emancipation and arming the slaves is regarded with respect, and perhaps with some degree of non-enlightenment; but I assure you, Excellency, that, in Boston, and I believe in every other city and town of the State, a large majority of citizens and towns of the State, the mingling of questions in relation to Slavery with the crushing out of the Rebellion, is viewed with the strongest feelings of disapprobation, while the efforts you have made to resist the interpolation of this discordant element, and to restore the Union on the basis of the Constitution, as amended in your appointment of Governors Johnson and Stanley, your sustaining of General McClellan, and your general conservatism in all the essential matters pertaining to the conduct of the war, has given hope and confidence to every Union-loving heart in our State.

Notwithstanding the opinions of the Governor, I believe that Massachusetts may be relied upon for any call you may make upon her patriotism in the present emergency, and that her citizens generally have no sympathy with those who are agitating the question of emancipation at this time; and I am confident that if this subject was introduced in conformity with the views of Governor Andrew, it would produce a serious, if not an irreparable injury to the cause of enlistment. I beg you, therefore, to make your requisition upon the basis of Massachusetts with confidence in the loyalty and devotion of her citizens, and with the assurance that Boston will as cheerfully respond in the future as in the past to any demand of the government. Trusting that you will continue to be firm and resolute in your endeavors for the restoration and welfare of our common country, and in ignoring all other issues which tend to prevent the accomplishment of this great object, I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant, JEREMIAH WIGHTMAN, Mayor.

An Emancipation Bill Passed.

A vote was taken upon the following bill in the House of Representatives on the 18th. It now goes to the Senate. The bill provides for the emancipation of the slaves of all the following classes: 1. Of every person who shall act as an officer of the rebel army or navy. 2. Of every person who shall act as President, Member of Congress, Judge of any Court, Cabinet officer, Foreign Minister, Commissioner, or Consul of the so-called Confederate States. 3. Of every person who shall act as Governor of a State, member of a Convention or Legislature, or Judge of any State Court of the so-called Confederate States. 4. Of every person who, having held an office of honor, trust, or profit in the United States, shall hereafter hold an office in the so-called Confederate States. 5. Of every person who shall hold any office or agency under the so-called Confederate States, or under any of the States thereof.

[But persons in the third and fifth classes must have accepted their appointment since the date of the secession ordinance of their States, and have taken an oath of allegiance to the Confederate States.] 6. Of every person not within the above classes, who, after the passage of the act, being wilfully and without compulsion engaged in armed rebellion, shall not within sixty days lay down his arms and return to his allegiance. The bill also disqualifies said six classes from holding office in the United States, and authorizes to negotiate for the acquisition by treaty or otherwise of lands or countries in Mexico, Central America, or South America, or in the islands in the Gulf of Mexico, or for the right of settlement upon the lands of said countries, for all persons liberated under this act, to be removed with their own consent. For the purpose of paying the expense of the purchase of such lands, the President shall use such money as Congress may from time to time direct, arising out of the sale of property formerly owned by rebels, and which shall have been confiscated to the use of the United States. The other sections mainly relate to the machinery by which the provisions of the bill are to be enforced. Adopted—yeas, 82, nays 54.

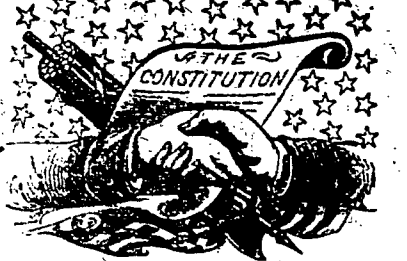
The Illinois Constitutional Vote.

CHICAGO, June 20, 1862.—Returns from the election come in very slowly. Despatches from some of the Southern counties to-night render it nearly certain that the new Constitution is defeated. The majority against it in Northern part of the State thus far is 23,000. The main objections to the new Constitution are, that it limited the privileges of railroad and bank monopolies, and excluded negroes from coming into the State, and from voting and holding office. The negro-advocates rejoice at the result.

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FOURTH OF JULY.



Montrose Democrat.

A. J. GERRITSON, Editor.

Tuesday, June 24, 1862.

Democratic State Convention.

In accordance with a resolution of the Democratic State Executive Committee, the Democracy of Pennsylvania will meet in State Convention, at Harrisburg, on Friday, the Fourth day of July, 1862, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to nominate candidates for Auditor General and Surveyor General, and to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary for the welfare of the Democratic party and the country.

Meeting of Democratic Committee.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Committee of Susquehanna County, held at Montrose, on Saturday, June 21st, 1862, it was unanimously Resolved, That A. J. Gerritson be and is hereby selected as Representative Delegate, to represent this county in the State Convention to be held at Harrisburg on the Fourth of July next.

4TH OF JULY IN BROOKLYN.

The procession will be formed under the direction of the Marshal of the Day, and march to the grove, accompanied with martial music; after which the following order will be observed: 1. Prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Adams. 2. Music by the Glee Club. 3. Reading of the Declaration of Independence by E. A. Weston, Esq. 4. Music. 5. Oration, by J. B. McCollum, Esq. 6. Song by the Glee Club. 7. Regular Toasts. 8. Music. 9. Volunteer Toasts. 10. Refreshments.

Record of Deceased Soldiers.

Follow Citizens of Susquehanna County:—It having been proposed that a Record be kept of all deaths of Soldiers in the service of the United States, who have volunteered from this county, and the undersigned having undertaken to keep such Record, free of charges, would suggest that the following list of interrogatories be fully answered by all persons who shall report the death of soldiers, and that this list be filed away for future reference, in order that uniformity of reports may be obtained. It may become an important Record in future years and should be full and explicit.

National Horse Fair.

The Great National Horse Fair will this year be held at Keystone Park, Williamsport, Pa., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2, to 5, inclusive. Arrangements have been made to secure the finest assemblage of imported blooded and native bred of Horses that has ever been collected in this country. The list of Premiums will be large, ranging as high as \$200. Liberal arrangements have been made and will be made with the different Rail Roads.

The Flag Question Settled.

A rebel chap has been hung in New Orleans for tearing down the National Flag which had been thrown to the breeze by Gen. Butler's men. The flag will be more sacredly guarded than ever in the future. This reminds us of what occurred in New Milford in 1856. A National Flag was waving over the highway, and a large procession, carrying a rump rag with only 16 stars—a symbol of disunion—were about to march through town on their way to bear Grover and Landon speak at Montrose. The chaps with the new flag gave notice that the old flag with all the stars was to pass under it; but that if it was not drawn aside they would tear it down or fight. The friends of the Union Colours, wishing to avoid civil war, and believing that the rebellious bearers of the rump rag, if "let alone," and allowed to proceed in their own style, would only succeed in making their cause odious, and ensure its certain destruction, finally drove to the National Emblem long enough to let its rival pass, when it was again allowed to float in the breeze. Perhaps this course was best; but Ben. Butler's policy is popular in New Milford.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

JUNE 16.—We have a full despatch from Gen. McClellan's army, giving an account of the dash made on Friday and Saturday last by the rebel cavalry, 1,800 in number, supported by 6 pieces of Artillery. They first drove our pickets at Old Church, then to Garlick's Landing, on the Pamunkey river, where they burned two schooners and several wagons, killing some teamsters; thence to Tunstall's Station, with the design of burning the railroad bridge; they came upon a train proceeding along the road, and fired upon it, killing two and wounding several; why they did not destroy the bridge, is not stated; their next move was home by Baltimore Cross Roads. Great excitement was created at White House by this rush, and many of the soldiers and hangers-on of the camp fled precipitately.

CELEBRATION AT MONTROSE!

PROGRAMME.

- 1. National Salute at Sunrise. 2. Procession.—Three minute guns and the ringing of all the Bells will be the signal for forming the Procession, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Public Avenue, corner of Turnpike street, under the direction of COL. C. M. GERE, Marshal, and Assistants. The Procession will march to the Fair Ground, preceded by the Montrose Silver Cornet Band. The Procession will form in the following order: 1. Silver Cornet Band. 2. Fire Department in uniform. 3. Military Companies. 4. Committee of Arrangements, and President of the Day. 5. Chaplain and Orator. 6. Poet and Reader of the Declaration. 7. Other Committees. 8. Soldiers of War of 1812. 9. Ladies. 10. Citizens. Exercises on the Fair Ground. 1. Music by Band. 2. Prayer by Chaplain, Rev. Wm. F. Halsey. 3. Music. 4. Reading of the Declaration of Independence. 5. Music. 6. Poem by B. S. Bentley, Esq. 7. Music. 8. Oration by Rev. R. Van Valkenburg. 9. The Procession will re-form, march to the Public Square, and be dismissed. Dinner will be provided at the various Hotels. The day will be closed by a Salute at sunset.

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