

# Montrose Democrat.

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The widow of Ex-President Harrison died at North Bend, O., on Saturday.

The bill creating the rank of lieutenant-general was passed by Congress on Friday, and same night Lincoln issued a commission to Gen. U. S. Grant, to fill the position.

The action in Congress extending the payment of government bounties till April 1st, is understood to be equal to a postponement of the draft till after the Spring elections, which occur in March. Look for no draft before April.

A recent order provides that in regulating the quota for next draft, each district shall be credited

1. With all the men enlisted from July 7th, 1863, to March 9th, 1864.
2. With all the drafted men who have responded in person.

With all the substitutes furnished by drafted men; and

4. With all the drafted men who have paid the \$300 commutation fee.

—So of course the men who paid \$300, have credit three years.

The election for State Senator in place of Major White, resulted in the election of the abolition candidate, by a very much reduced majority. The Senate will probably organize this week. For this delay of two months the abolition party are solely responsible, as by their own confession, they kept the alleged resignation of the Senator in their hands and so prevented an election from being held, as it should have been, last Fall. It is a fact significant that the dead-lock managers do not tell who brought the letter from the rebel capital.

Since Pennsylvania has lost tens of thousands of men who enlisted in other States, Curtin issues a silly spread-eagle proclamation asking them not to go! It is too late, poor choddyite; had you half the honesty and energy of Governor Seymour or Parker, you would have pushed forward a volunteer bounty system, and saved our men. But upon your imbecility rests the responsibility of our State having to fill her own quota after heavy donations to other States. This a part of the price Pennsylvania pays to "loyalty." The people will remember, and understand this when passion cools.

### Republicanism and Miscegenation.

Those who will do so, are gradually enabled to see where a faithful support of the Lincoln Proclamations, &c., leads to. A pamphlet has been recently issued by some zealous friends of Old Abe, who are anxious to show their "lawyer" brothers and sisters how best to promote their party interests and felicity. The title of the work is "Miscegenation," and is eagerly read among the faithful. We quote a few passages from the nasty thing:

"When the President proclaimed emancipation he proclaimed also the mingling of the races. The one follows the other as surely as noonday follows sunrise."

"And now behold! the great Republican party has merged into the little Abolition party. The drop has colored the bucketful. There are only two parties now, the Abolition, which is in effect the party of Miscegenation, and behind them that contemptible crowd who fear the South and have no policy for the North but expediency. Why did abolitionism swallow Republicanism! Because it was founded on principles that approach nearer the truth."

The above are enough for the present, enough to disgust all worthy to belong to the white race, with the last plank in the platform. No doubt many of the republican rank and file will hesitate about swallowing the dose; but as the organ of radicals in New England, the Anti-Slavery Standard, endorses it; the general organ of the party, Greeley's Tribune, and Mr. Lincoln's special government organ, the Independent, both endorse it, it will not be easy to repudiate the doctrine without having one's "loyalty" suspected, or of being charged, as is done in the pamphlet, with copperheadism. Nevertheless we consider the work, its endorser, or they who fear to fully denounce the doctrine, and its adherents, as a disgrace to the civilized world, and only fit to be leaders and drivers of Lincoln's Party.

Last fall the abolition papers said if Curtin was elected there would be no drafts, and that the war would end in three months. Curtin was elected, but another draft for three hundred thousand was ordered soon after, and now another increasing it to five hundred thousand. How long will the people listen to abolitionists.

## THE WAR.

For the Montrose Democrat.

How shall we meet the issues of the coming Presidential contest? Is a question now of importance? If the popular will could be predicated on truth; if the reality of existing facts can be made to penetrate to the understanding of the masses, the issue of the contest is certain—the country will be saved. Few to-day realize to its full extent the real state of affairs; few seem to know that we are standing on the very summit of a volcano, yet such is the fact. The falsehood and deceit that have been practiced toward the people through the administration journals, and through the instrumentality of the military censorship, that has dictated what shall and shall not be said, has about the truth from the masses. The truth is very clear—the issue is: Shall the Union be restored and peace return, or shall power rest with men to do as they please? That pleasure being to carry through their party policy, regardless of the cost, if it require every drop of blood on the continent but their own. That policy is one of two: first, the complete subjugation of the South, which I believe is an impossibility; or, second, letting the Union slide and chaining down the North to submit to any peace which the administration may make, which will require the utter overthrow of the rights and liberties of every man woman and child in the North—for the people will never consent to a disunion peace, except it be from the necessity enjoined by force. One of these results the abolitionists are determined to reach, for in no other way can they perpetuate their political power. Both of these plans the Democrats are to resist, because neither of them can co-exist with our institutions or our liberties. It is a willful, malignant, diabolical effort of desperate men to establish a despotism and a throne, on and around which they may bask, while the people, enthralled and borne down by the heavy burden cast upon them, shall perish. It will be singular, if the American people, the freest born, the bravest, cultivated the highest of any people in any land, from the dawn of time to this hour, shall surrender, (did I say without a struggle?) No, never surrender these things; come from what source the demand may, or in any way! By boldness and decision, and a determination that never wavers, with the reflection of the mighty power of truth when borne by truth's messengers, the people will rally in defence of their rights, and maintain them against all the power arrayed in opposition. There can be no doubt the administration and its adherents are determined the Democratic ticket shall not be elected at the coming election, for that very reason, that it would cast to the wall perpetually these men who plot treason under the veil of loyalty; and to prevent the success of the patriotic party they will resort to the bayonet, where it can be employed with advantage to themselves.

They will choke the ballot where they can; they will employ falsehood and deceit; they will use the people's money to crush the people's voice; and at last, if unsuccessful, and they dare reach above their cowardice, they will declare the election a nullity, and attempt at once to firmly establish the throne they have nearly built by degrees through a gradual enforcement of concessions from the people in their behalf. All these enemies have the Democracy got to meet; they must meet them like men. They must gird on the armor of Jackson: "The Union must and shall be preserved." They must rally around the old standard, that, borne on high through many a troubled conflict, has perched on victory, in time to save a great country from the throes of dissolution, and rescue a people, shuddering for the future, from the depths of despondency to the pinnacle of hope, and the realization of the full happiness that exists in the knowledge of a great country, wise in law, and powerful against all antagonists, where the people's voice is the only voice potential in the land, and the people's will the only will that can govern.

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### The Secret of the Florida Movement.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald refers to the recent Florida expedition as a curious development of Executive intermeddling in military affairs. It is said that upon hearing of the movement, General Halleck was quite taken by surprise, and wrote to Gen. Gillmore to know what he was doing at Jacksonville, "a place that had been two or three times in our possession and was considered not worth holding, and asking how he came to go there, not only without orders, but without the knowledge and contrary to the instructions of the Secretary of War and General Halleck." In reply, General Gillmore is said to have enclosed a letter of instructions from the President, transmitted to him by Mr. Hay, late private secretary to Mr. Lincoln, directing the movement to be made. Since this statement has been in circulation it is rumored that the expedition was intended simply for the occupation of Florida for the purpose of securing the election of three Lincoln delegates to the National Nominating Convention, and that of John Hay to Congress. The cost of the operation to the government is estimated at about one million of dollars.

In Sparta township, Crawford county, a few days prior to the election the Abolitionists held a meeting, and among other proceedings adopted the following:

Resolved, That we will support the administration, right or wrong.

—Albany, Feb. 25.—In the Democratic State Convention to-day a full list of delegates to the National Convention was selected. Those at large are Horatio Seymour, Dean Richmond, Isaac Butts and August Belmont.

## SOLDIERS RIOT AT ELMIRA.

ELMIRA, Feb. 25.—A serious riot occurred here to-day. The First Michigan Cavalry arrived here early this morning on their way to Washington, and some fifty or sixty of them commenced a riot on various bars and eating-saloons. About 1 o'clock a party assaulted a number of the Tenth New-York Cavalry. A patrol from the Invalid corps attempting to arrest the rioters, a serious melee ensued, in which guns, sabers, and bayonets were freely used. One member of the Michigan regiment was shot dead, and another was mortally wounded by a bayonet thrust. A member of the Invalid corps was badly wounded and several others were more or less bruised and wounded. Colonel Farnsworth, of the Invalid corps, finally came up with his regiment, and through his exertions and those of Colonel Eastman and other officers, the disturbance was quelled. Most of the ringleaders were arrested and lodged in the guard-house. The bars were all closed and quiet was soon restored.

FROM EUROPE.

The steamship Hibernia, from Liverpool 11th and London 12th, arrived Thursday, bringing one day's later news. The Danes have evacuated Duppel and occupied Alsen island, which the Post regards as a point from which they may carry on a desperate resistance for some months. It is moreover reported that England, supported by France, Russia, and Sweden, has proposed an armistice, preliminary to a conference. In the English Parliament, February 11, Earl Derby insinuated that the Laird rams were seized under American menaces, and called for the papers. Earl Russell declined to produce them pending legal inquiry. The English were rapidly bringing the New Zealand war to a close, General Cameron having recently defeated the natives, almost annihilating the tribe of Niapawa.

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—A short time ago the wife of Mr. J. Trimble, of Indiana county, gave birth to three female children, the combined weight of which was twenty-one pounds. They are doing well, and are all unusually healthy.

—It seems that Crawford county is "left out in the cold," and subject to draft, owing to the refusal of the "loyal" Abolition county commissioners to give a bounty to volunteers.

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## Proclamation by Governor Curtin.

Whereas, For some time past it has been known that persons, professing to be agents of other States, have been busily tampering with our citizens at home and in the army, endeavoring, by false representations, to induce individuals to enter or re-enter from those States, and remonstrances have been in vain made against the continuance of this paltry system of seduction;

And Whereas, Information has now been received that one of the regiments of Pennsylvania has enlisted almost bodily as from another State; and it appears to be necessary to take some public means to put our citizens on their guard against the arts by which results so disastrous to the men and their families may be effected in others of her regiments which Pennsylvania has delighted to honor;

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW G. CURTIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do issue this, my proclamation, addressed to all citizens of the Commonwealth, but especially and emphatically to her veterans in the army, cautioning them against allowing themselves to be seduced from her service. By enlisting in regiments of other States they deprive their families at home of that generous and liberal aid which our law has provided for them as a right, and not as a charity; they will not enjoy the right of suffrage which an approaching amendment of the Constitution will give to our absent volunteers; they cut themselves loose from the ties which bind them to their homes, and which binds Pennsylvania to give them constant care and assistance in the field, an obligation which our State has never neglected; if wounded or sick, they will no longer be fostered by our agents, and received with applause and consideration as men who have done honor to Pennsylvania; they bring the history of their regiments to an abrupt close; their names will no longer be entered on our rolls; all the glorious recollections of their valor and sufferings will be weakened by the fact that they have abandoned their native State, deserted the great Commonwealth under whose banner they have carried for themselves and for her the highest reputation for courage and all the martial virtues, and that they have done this under inducements which are in fact unfulfilled, and at the very time when their friends and neighbors at home were preparing for their bounties probably larger than those offered by other States, and certain much larger, if the support afforded to their families be taken into account.

I, therefore, appeal to our noble volunteers not to abandon the Commonwealth. She has seen proud of the glory which their course hitherto has shed abundantly on her. As a mother she has a right to the honors to be won in future by her children. Stand by her, and she will stand by you, and you will have the richest reward in the grateful affections and sympathies of your families, your friends, your neighbors and your fellow-citizens. But if you leave her for the service of other States you throw away all these, for their people will regard you as merely mercenaries, and when they have fulfilled their bargain will leave you and your families to shift for yourselves. Recollect your homes and your families, and your friends, and the banners which you have carried so gloriously upon many a bloody field, and which, defaced by shot and shell, but still bearing the names of the battles in which you have been distinguished, she has provided for receiving at the close of the war, and preserving as holy relics of your patriotism and devotion to the cause of our common country. These things are worth more to you and to your children than money. Do not grieve and disappoint your friends by abandoning them all.

I take this occasion to enjoin upon all Magistrates, District Attorneys and other officers, a strict vigilance in enforcing the laws of this Commonwealth against all persons who shall, within this State, attempt to recruit volunteers for other States.

By the Governor,  
A. G. CURTIN,  
ELI SLIFER,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.  
Harrisburg, Feb. 24th, 1864.

The Rev. James A. Kibbe, a Methodist clergyman located in Hampden co. Massachusetts, was caught recently in the sleeping apartments of a young girl by her father, who was one of Kibbe's parishioners. As the only garment the parson had on was a shirt, and the time was midnight, the case looked slightly suspicious; more especially as he was found armed with a dirk and a loaded revolver, neither of which, however, he attempted to use. Of course, he had an explanation to offer; but the only part of it which is likely to interest the public is the following: We quote from the Springfield Republican:

"With regard to the revolver and dirk, he says that he belonged to the Union League, every member of which is obliged to carry such weapons."

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, an administration newspaper, says: "Neither the administration nor its party can stand under the load of this rank corruption. There is no need of it. It is not their load unless they make it so. If no honest and thorough effort is made to ferret out, expose and punish the thieves, then the administration will be justly held responsible for their crimes."

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