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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL, GEN. WILLIAM MCANDLESS, OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL, CAPT. JAMES H. COOPER, OF LAWRENCE COUNTY.

A Full Poll of the Democratic Vote will secure the Election of Our State Ticket by a Large Majority.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic voters of Susquehanna county are requested to meet at the place of holding elections in their respective districts between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock a. m., on Saturday the 19th day of August next, (unless otherwise ordered by the Township Committee) and elect two delegates to represent said districts in the Convention to be held at Montrose, on Monday, August 21st, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported at the ensuing election.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

- ARUN.—William White, D. Linabury, Daniel Seely. ARACON.—William Creigh, P. Fitzmartin, Timothy Kahn. ARAB.—B. H. Dix, N. J. West, L. O. Baldwin. BRIDGEWATER.—Gilbert Johnson, E. Beebe, Simon Lewis. BROOKLYN.—E. G. Williams, James Hewitt, P. H. Tiffany. CHOCONUT.—M. J. Golden, M. J. Donlin, M. Stanley. CLIFFORD.—J. Stephens, Francis Decker, I. J. Cobb. DUNDUFF.—C. C. Church, Dr. J. C. Olmstead, T. P. Thayer. DUNSMITH.—C. C. Mills, L. Main, William Bannell. FOREST LAKE.—Isaac Strange, M. Griffin, E. Griffin. FRANKLIN.—J. L. Merriman, N. P. Wheaton, John Watson. FRIENDSVILLE.—James Meade, Hugh Duffy, John Foster. GIBSON.—J. H. Claffin, E. Clinton, George Roberts. GREAT BEND TOWNSHIP.—William K. Hatch, S. Barnes, I. H. Smith. GREAT BEND BORO.—I. Riekhov, R. S. Stephens. HERMICK.—J. M. Myers, E. R. Barnes, Henry Lyon. HARFORD.—W. B. Guild, D. M. Farrar, Jackson Tughr.—Richard Martin, H. H. Hobar, J. Storor. JACKSON.—L. Griffin, T. W. Clinton, J. L. Dix. JESSUP.—Zenas Smith, W. C. Handrick, G. H. Harvey. LATROOP.—Alvin Brown, Lyman Saunders, William Gardner. LENOX.—Hiram White, Michael Whitney, A. L. Jeffers. LIBERTY.—M. L. Truesdell, L. W. Allen, William M. Bailey. LITTLE MEADOWS.—L. B. O'Dond, T. Conningham, J. R. O'Dond. MIDDLETOWN.—Thomas Colford, Timothy Monahan, O. E. Smith. MONTROSE.—A. H. McCollum, C. D. Latroop, H. J. Webb. NEW MILFORD TOWNSHIP.—Ezra Beebe, L. D. Foot, E. Aldrich. NEW MILFORD BORO.—F. W. Boyle, William T. Ward, George Hayden. OAKLAND.—J. Tillman, L. E. Shultz, E. C. Leggett. REEB.—Albert Pickett, A. Carter, James Logan. STRONGSVILLE.—William B. Handrick, S. A. Shook, S. Quick. SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT.—C. Curtis, William Post, W. Barber. SILVER LAKE.—Joseph Ward, L. Stone, D. T. Donovan. THOMAS.—C. Stoddard, J. S. Aldrich, J. P. Whitney. C. M. GERE, Chairman.

RADICAL CALUMNY.

If the reader will open at random any of the newspapers of the Cameron-Quay ring printed within the last month, he will find, in various forms, the charge that General M'Callandess, the Democratic candidate for Auditor-General resigned from the service of the United States during the most critical period of the late war, because he disapproved the change of base on the part of the Lincoln administration from a war for the Union to a crusade against slavery. A base slander of a braver and truer soldier, than this libel of General M'Callandess by these newspapers, was never uttered. Gen. M'Callandess did not, at any time, resign from the army. He served out the term of three years for which he entered the service and was mustered out with his regiment, June 16, 1864. Let "Bates's History of Pennsylvania Volunteers" confute the calumny. We quote from that work, vol. 1, page 590: "Thirty-first Regiment—Second Reserve, Colonel William M'Callandess—Date of muster into service, May 27, 1861; term, three years; promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel, Oct. 22, 1861; to Colonel, Aug. 1, 1862; wounded at Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862, and at the Wilderness, May 8, 1864; mustered out with regiment, June 6, 1864."

This is the record written down by a Radical historian and stamped with the approbation of a Radical legislature. The ring newspapers are thus convicted, by testimony which they dare not dispute, of a deliberate and malicious libel upon the character of the gallant soldier whose fidelity to his country they attempt to impugn.

But this is only stating the crime of these libelous prints in part. Their wanton misrepresentation of the military record of Gen. M'Callandess is an indirect attack upon the whole of that gallant body of soldiers known as the "Pennsylvania Reserve Corps." Gen. M'Callandess was one of the principal officers of that corps, commanding one of its brigades, remaining with it until its time of service expired and sharing its perils and privations to the last. Gen. M'Callandess left the army when the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps left it. When, therefore, the ring

denounces him because he remained in the service only three years, they condemn in effect, the remainder of the surviving officers and men of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

Now let the patriotic reader turn again to the quotation made above from Bates's History and note that at Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862, and at the Wilderness, May 8, 1864, Gen. M'Callandess was wounded. The soldier who is calumniated by the canting knives of the radical press, shed his blood for the flag to which they would have intelligent people believe he was untrue. He bared his breast to the storm which the cowards who malign him durst not face. And now he is rewarded with the brand of dereliction in soldierly duty! Oh! shame that the needs of party demand such prostitution of the press!

A Soft Impachment.

The last Republican in giving "a little advice" to the Radical delegates who are to compose the next convention, among other things let slip the following significant paragraph: "Be sure to officer your Convention with fair-minded and capable men—especially secretaries who are not only capable but willing to keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings, with tallies of all the ballots, and furnish the same for publication."

What is meant by "securing Secretaries who are not only capable but willing to keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings?" Is this casting any reflection upon former Secretaries?

How about the convention of 1869. Is the editor using a "little soap" on the members of his party who were basely counted out by the officers of that convention and whom he wantonly slandered with the most lowly abuse of which he was capable? Let them beware, snakes always charm just before they bite. It is some satisfaction however to see him acknowledge, even at this late day the dishonesty of his party leaders, but it only proves the old adage true that "necessity is the mother of invention," and only shows that a little sea-sickness caused by the howling of the storm of indignation about the Radical craft which makes him think of his "latter end," leads him to adopt a true prayer for deliverance, but should the storm pass and he escape, he would be the same cursing hypocrite. Let all honest men beware!

A Horrid Explosion.

Another leaf is added to the chapter of accidents and casualties which has made the present summer memorable to its predecessors. On Saturday, a steamboat, while lying at a wharf at New York, exploded her boilers, by which one hundred and fifty persons were killed and wounded. A portion of the upper deck, crowded with men, women and children was blown into the river, and all perished. The scene was full of terrible sorrow and suffering, and those who escaped unhurt, will not soon forget its horrible realities. "On horrors heard, horrors accumulate." A cry of distress from far off Texas mingled with that from New York. Nineteen persons were killed and wounded in that State on Saturday by a railroad train being precipitated into the Narasota river, by a bridge giving way. It was a construction train, bound North. Had regular passengers cars been attached, the loss of life would have been far greater.

A Man of the People.

William M'Callandess the Democratic candidate for Auditor General of Pennsylvania, is a practical machinist and railroad engineer. At about fifteen years of age he was apprenticed to the celebrated firm of Norris Brothers, engine builders, to learn their calling. He remained with them for five years and became a skilled workman in every branch of the trade. He so conducted himself that at the expiration of his time they gave him a certificate of first-class capacity. His intelligence, industry and skill had so elevated him with his employers that the Messrs. Norris selected him to take charge of and deliver to the New York and Erie railroad a number of engines they had built for the company, and recommended him to General M'Callum (then superintendent of that road and during the war brigadier general in charge of military railways) for employment. He was employed to put these engines into practical working, and during 1854 ran an engine upon the New York and Erie railroad, between Susquehanna, Penna., and Hornellville, New York. In 1855 he was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company, and ran an engine between Philadelphia and Harrisburg. The necessity for skilled labor in the shops at Parkersburg caused them to transfer him thither and he worked at his bench in keeping engines in order for the road for several months. Owing to the refusal of the company to promote him, he being then but twenty-two years of age, he left their employ and commenced the study of the law with Moses A. Dropsie, Esq., of Philadelphia. Of his subsequent career as a gallant soldier we have already written.

The Western Catholic says of the Orangemen.

"We question their taste in celebrating an event which though remote, is still remembered with passionate anger by a large number of their fellow citizens; but in this difference our right of criticism ends. They are not responsible to us for their taste. There is no law that we have heard, against foolishness which is unattended by an overt breach of the peace. The Orangemen have, as much right to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne as we Catholics have to celebrate the Pope's Jubilee, St. Patrick's Day, or any other festival, and they have a right to choose any method of celebrating it which pleases them, so long as their programme does not include riotous conduct or speech, or any interference with the property or persons of their neighbors."

Mad Dogs.

Mrs. Caroline E. White, President of Woman's Branch of Pennsylvania Society for prevention of cruelty to animals, thus refers to an article in the Press headed "Mad Dogs," and beginning as follows: "As the heat of summer advances, the danger from rabid dogs increases," etc. It is certainly true, in view of all that has lately been said and written upon this subject, that this old superstition with regard to mad dogs should be done away with, should not lend itself to keeping alive unjust and cruel prejudices. In the spring of last year a convention was held in Paris of the medical profession throughout Europe, and the newest discoveries of the greatest light among the disciples of Esculapius were discussed and made public. The result of their investigations in the disease called hydrophobia were published and were enumerated as follows: First, Hydrophobia is a disease of very rare occurrence. Second, It is more common in winter than in summer. Third, The use of the muzzle is calculated to induce hydrophobia. In a lecture delivered on this subject in Baltimore last summer, the lecturer, a gentleman who had devoted much time and attention to the study of this disease, repeats the above mentioned facts and adds: "Fits are a certain sign that hydrophobia does not exist in the animal suffering from them." In a conference with S. Weir Mitchell, M. D., he affirmed it to be the result of all investigations that hydrophobia was more likely to occur in winter than in summer. Now with regard to the first statement of the convention of physicians in France, that hydrophobia is very rarely met with, we have abundant facts in our own experience to support that theory. The late president of the gentlemen's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, S. Morris, examined the books of the Pennsylvania Hospital from the time of its foundation, about ninety years ago, to the present time, and in the record of maladies which had existed there, found one case of hydrophobia. The dogcatchers of our city, who are constantly coming in contact with the dogs and who before our society substituted nets for the lassos used for their apprehension) were bitten very few days, sometimes in a very severe manner, never knew a case of hydrophobia among their number, nor was there ever even a report of such nature. Surely, if the bite of a dog is so exceedingly to be dreaded, these men who are bitten so often ought to experience the dire effects resulting therefrom. Then, in the name of justice and humanity, let this crusade against these unoffending animals cease. Let it not be said that the streets of Philadelphia are a hunting ground for these humble, devoted friends of man, and that they are only seen but to be made target for a policeman's pistol. Our society takes up their running at large in a legal and proper manner.

An Encouraging Sign.

One of the most important signs of the times, and one which indicates, in a clear manner, the steadily approaching downfall of the Republican party is to be found in the tone of the independent Republican press. Disgusted with the unblushing political corruption which they are too honest to cover up, fearless party journalists in this city, and throughout the entire country, have, for the past two or three years, raised their voices in protest against the enormous perpetration of the Radical party. They have denounced many times, in far too feeble a manner, the plundering of the public treasury, and the wholesale bargaining in public offices; but the party of power, strong in its very corruption, impudent and unscrupulous in its measures, has treated these admonitions with contempt. The Republican leaders, with a madness compared to which the conduct of the Scriptural herd of swine was wisdom, have attempted to read out of the party every journal bold enough to criticize, even in weak terms, their corrupt actions and plans. The ring organs of this party, of which there are a couple of notorious ones in this city, call their former associates any friends renegade apostates and other hard names. In reply, they get the name of "corruptionists," "swindlers," and "office-holders." All this goes before the public, and the reading men of America are not such fools as hair-brained politicians and careless editors sometimes imagine. The American people are of an inquiring turn of mind, very frequently inclined to reason about affairs of this kind, and first comes the query, what causes these hard words between those who so recently united their voices upon all political questions, and bolstered up a common cause? To the thinking mind, but one answer can be presented. The undisguised corruption of the party in power, has disgusted those among them who are honest and lovers of public sentiment. The political managers have refused to pay any attention to their conduct, and coolly ignore them. Circumstances of this kind awaken the minds of the multitude much sooner than unmeaning resolutions, and specious promises of reform. The election returns each succeeding campaign show, in increasing numbers, the "Independent" party, strongholds, that many who have differed from us on questions now buried by the past, are ready to unite with the great Democratic party in a crusade against the iniquities perpetrated by an organization whose only aim now is political power and government plunder. The Republican masses are rapidly finding out the dark tricks of their leaders in all their schemes, and domestic crimes of all sorts, as at present. The Sabbath, too, seems to be the day chosen of all others for the commission of these tragedies. While progress has been made in the arts and sciences, in moral and mental philosophy—while broader ground has been given to the social and religious questions of the day, the only result to be seen, has been that of a part of man's nature which seems to demand the excitement of alcoholic stimulants. Temperance reformers have utterly failed to inspire the respect of the masses. Temperance lectures have been delivered *ad libitum* and *ad nauseam*. Disgraceful as it has been to find that part of man's nature which seems to demand the excitement of alcoholic stimulants. Temperance reformers have utterly failed to inspire the respect of the masses. Temperance lectures have been delivered *ad libitum* and *ad nauseam*. Disgraceful as it has been to find that part of man's nature which seems to demand the excitement of alcoholic stimulants. Temperance reformers have utterly failed to inspire the respect of the masses. Temperance lectures have been delivered *ad libitum* and *ad nauseam*. 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