

# Miners' Journal

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WHO CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH SUCH A CAUSE?

The Committee on the Conduct of the War has just made a report to Congress on the barbarities of the rebels on our soldiers, at Manassas, which stamps as savagely as the authors of crimes which, in the details, exceed the worst recorded in the history of India. The report is a testimony collected by the Committee from the lips of the men who suffered, and who witnessed the atrocities perpetrated upon our dead, but caused a thrill of horror to pervade the country, and served the people yet more strongly to crush the detestable Rebellion, and bring the men who have contaminated these barbarities, to a just and righteous punishment. Louis Francis, of the New York Fourteenth Regiment, writes: "I was attacked in the right knee by two soldiers, and wounded in the left thigh by two bayonets. As I lay on the ground, they came over me, and a Union soldier coming over me, shot him in the breast, and he fell dead. I lay on the ground until 10 o'clock next day." And when his wounds were attended to by the rebels surgeons, they hacked his flesh with the same brutality. The operation performed by the rebels was described by Doctor Honnor, Surgeon of the Regiment, who said: "I went up and found that they had cut off Prescott's leg. The assistants were pulling on the limb at each side, trying to get the bone through the hole. They had sawed off the bone without leaving any skin to form the flaps to cover it; and while the force they used to cover it, they were obliged to cover it with about an inch more of the sutures (the stitches) they could not approximate the edges within less than an inch and a half of each other; of course, as soon as there was any swelling, the stitches tore out and the bone stuck through again. Dr. Swain tried afterwards to re-suture, but he became so enraged that he did not survive. A Corporal Prescott was a young man of high position, and had received a very liberal education. And so on through the list. Atrocities that cause us to blush that the perpetrators were the human form, and use their skulls for drinking cups, and their bones for drums, finger rings, and in another column of tools for all their uses. A full abstract of the Committee's report.

When we read this report which almost challenges credulity, when we feel the blood churning at our fingers' ends, and our indignation choking utterance, we ask, who can sympathize with a cause that applauds to the echo, such barbarities? Can any in the North Men of Pennsylvania, who are sympathizers with these wretches, in your view, there to live to inhale the same air of Freedom, and cherish a warm, ardent love of Republican institutions, are men who sympathize with the enemies of our country. And their organs are the newspapers that advocated in 1860 the election to the Presidency of John C. Breckinridge, (now a cowardly traitor in the ranks of the rebels), and that now are the most virulent in their abuse of the Administration of Mr. Lincoln, and the most malicious and perfidious in their denunciations of the rebellion. To illustrate, here is the synopsis of treason during the dark hours of last year, and was closed by the public authorities; the Independent, of Lancaster *Intelligencer*, the Sanderston Organ of James Buchanan, the great Public Official of his age and time; J. Lawrence Getz, of the Reading *Gazette*, the multipurpose organ of Aconec; Acker, of the Northern *Register*, who adhered to Breckinridge up to the moment of his flight into the rebel army; the Editor of the Pottsville *Standard*, who did the same; Laitiner, of the Clearfield *Register*, the organ of William Bigler; McDowell, of the Harrisburg  *Patriot*, the organ of the same wretched politician; Walsh of the York *Gazette*, the Chairman of the Breckinridge State Committee, and so on to the end of the chapter.

These papers adhered to Breckinridge when he stood up in the hall of Congress and talked treason, even as they praise Valandigham, the secessionist in fleeing, and bully, who has been threatened by the Union soldiers of his own State. In fact the soldiers of the entire army despise this class of Northern men while the Southern Union men look upon them as their worst enemies, as the secessionists understand, and their sympathizers. It is not understood who are their enemies. It is now conceded on all sides that the talk about the war being urged for Abolition purposes is a fudge. Abolitionists in the border slave States are just competing. No man states here to be the great theme in Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Maryland. Congressmen and Abolitionists are already a great topic of conversation. Men are taking sides. Shrewd slaveholders begin to see that it is time for them to sell out. They know that the inevitable march of events will lead sooner or later, to emancipation, and, like sensible men, they are bound to make the most of it.

We earnestly want Pennsylvania to be a free State in a false position, to encourage the rebels. If we would have a speedy and honorable peace, the Government must be sustained cheerfully, and no man is a patriot and loyal, unless he does his whole duty in the matter. Remember the rebel treatment of our dead and wounded at Manassas, and resolve to prosecute the war energetically, until traitors everywhere are under the feet of the Government, and at its mercy.

The Borough election will take place on Monday next, and from the unusual interest evinced by our citizens in the primary Ward meetings held this week, we believe that a full vote will be polled. The main object of course, a conviction of the Union sentiment of the candidates, is the selection of Borough officers, councilmen and school directors, who will faithfully and zealously discharge the duties of their positions, and have an eye single to the public welfare. Such several years ago, were selected by our citizens, and the result is seen in a reduction of taxation, and inauguration of a system of good management. This can be continued by every citizen voting thoughtfully, on Monday next. We trust that the day will not be neglected by a single man. Examine your ticket before you vote, so that you may be sure no deception is attempted.

### DELAWARE

Bayard and Sandford, in Congress, outrage the sentiment of Delaware, on the question of the representatives from Virginia, who have their seats; but the people of Delaware, a strong disposition toward a movement for the extinction in their State of the barbarous institution. Hon. George F. Fisher, the representative from Delaware, is warmly in favor of it, and the Delaware State Journal and *Statesman* (Wilmington), the leading Whig and conservative organ in the State, also announce broadly the tradition of the State of Delaware to accept the broad issues made up by the Slaveholders' Rebellion on the one hand and the President's Emancipation message on the other. The following well-considered leader from its issue of the 22d ult., possesses a national importance:

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### LETTERS FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

From the 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, Col. Gregg, Commanding.

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