The Press.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1863.

Experimental Statesmanship in Missouri.

It is the fault of many good men that, when they attempt a reform, their zeal in behalf of a theory leads them to foolish and absurd proceedings. This seems to be the misfortune of our friends in Missouri. There is a large party in that State who are known as Radical Emancipationists. Among them are many excellent citizens, loyal and devoted, and who have testified their loyalty and devotion in the noblest manner. They deserve all the praise that can be given to men of honest purpose, and the courage with which they have preached the gospel of freedom among the heathens of treason and slavery will be remembered with pride in the years to come. Much of the credit attending the success of emancipation in Missouri belongs to them. Their agitation made it popular, and eventually gained its triumph. Unfortunately, however, triumph has not taught them patience or wisdom, and we find them in convention assembled fiercely arraigning the Administration, and venturing upon a platform as wild and impracticable as it is possible for enthusiastic and unthinking men to adopt. In looking over the proceedings of this convention we are reminded of the doings of some of the French revolutionary clubs, where resolutions were adopted declaring the universal freedom of man; general citizenship; death to the prisoners taken in battle; perpetual fraternity; a change in the calendar; the necessity of wearing the hair in a peculiar fashion; and the end of all human responsibility to divine laws. The world laughs at the enthusiastic Frenchmen; and the enemies of liberty remember with scornful glee that the efforts of these superficial students of ancient history only brought ridicule upon the cause they gave their lives to establish. We are afraid that the same judgment will be passed upon the radical emancipationists in Missouri. We have resolutions denouncing the President, Governor GAMBLE, General SCHOFIELD, the Emperor NAPOLEON, and the murderer QUANTRELL; resolutions insisting upon immediate emancipation in Missouri, "warning the Legislature against disregarding the will of the people," thanking the President for arming the negroes, calling upon the Government to drive the French out of Mexico, and requesting the radical members of the Legislature to vote for certain gentlemen for the National Senate. We must admit that it would be difficult for any convention to adopt more comprehensive resolutions, and our only surprise is that its members did not give us its opinions upon the war in New Zealand, and the difficulties with the Tycoon of Japan. We can imagine no finer field for experimental statesmanship than Asia and the Pacific islands.

Our purpose is not so much to ridicule the efforts of these honest enthusiasts in Missouri, but to see if there is any real grievance at the bottom of their elaborate rhetoric. These men call themselves emancipationists, and demand immediate emancipation. Yet, they have emancipation! Missouri has passed an ordinance liberating the slaves after a period of years. This is the only sensible policy that could have been adopted. It accomplishes the object sought; and to prevent misery to those slaveholders who are loyal, it gives them time to prepare for the change. With such a victory on the record, any demand like this of immediate emancipation becomes petulance, and we dismiss it as such. Another grievance is what they are pleased to call the tardy execution of the President's proclamation of emancipation. Here we have more petulance, and we answer it in the words of the President: "The proclamation cannot be retracted any more than the dead can be brought to life." There are other complaints about the military policy of the commander of the department. We are not in a position to understand them, but we suppose that they receive point from the recent massacre at Lawrence. We agree with the members of the Convention, that the massacre of QUANTREL deserves strict investigation, and if it can be shown that the general commanding the Department of Missouri was careless and derelict, he should be punished. We are afraid, however, that this sad affair is not the real complaint of the Convention, but a pretext by which it seeks to stimulate the minds of the people to distrust the Administration. With this every grievance of the Missouri Emancipationists falls; and the only object that brought them together seems to have been the desire to obtain the election of two of their friends to the United States Senate. We trust that the gentlemen in this movement who have the good of the Union at heart, and desire to see freedom triumph in its own good time, will throw their influence against any more such Conventions. No good can come from them. They serve the demagogue and gratify the enthusiast, but give pain to the sincere and patient friends of liberty everywhere. The cause is in the right hands. It was never brighter. Let us, therefore, be patient and wait.

A Colored Regiment in Battle.

The President, with characteristic directness and bluntness, has said to those who disapprove of his policy in organizing colored troops: "You say that you will not fight to free negroes. Some of them seem to be willing to fight for you." This is not so much a rebuke to those to whom he especially addressed his letter as to those who oppose all his measures with inveterate hatred. These are the men who at first declared that negroes were naturally cowards, who would run from the field at the first sight of the enemy, and who, now that that slander has been refuted, supply its place with sneers, and wicked laughter, and abuse. We find these gentlemen opposing the draft; they are evidently resolved that the Government shall have no more white soldiers. Well, then, can they complain that it is determined to have black soldiers? The country must have defenders, and if a black man can handle a musket and help to win a victory, we welcome him to our ranks. Nor does the white soldier object to share in just proportion the dangers and the honors of battle with these patriotic men, who have their own interest in the preservation of the Republic, and are willing to risk their lives in its defence. The negro regiments, by hard fighting, have won the respect and confidence of the country. They have not had much opportunity, but what chances for achieving glory have been granted they have nobly used.

General BLUNT, in his official report of the battle of Honey Springs, Arkansas, states that the 1st Kansas (colored) Regiment fought with a coolness and bravery never surpassed. In the hottest of the fight they met the Texan troops, twice their number, and routed them completely. The 20th Texan Regiment went into battle with three hundred men. It met the negroes and left the field with sixty. Colored soldiers do not fight better than white men, but they fight better than rebellious Texans.

New York.

The country will applaud the action of the New York Republican Convention, assembled in Syracuse on Wednesday. New York is in such a deplorable condition under the rule of SEYMOUR, that the good name of its people demanded an expression of opinion that could not be misunderstood. The evils from which New York is suffering were caused by the want of wisdom on the part of our friends in that State in 1862. Disaffection among our friends enabled SEYMOUR to triumph, although it was well known at the time that the heart of New York was true to the Union. Thousands who were warmly devoted to the war and the Administration, were prevented from manifesting their devotion by the action of the Convention, and apathy brought defeat, when we should have succeeded. The Syracuse Convention, however, took wisdom into its councils, and, as a result, the people of New York have a platform which none can refuse, and a ticket that contains all the elements of loyalty. Republicans and War Democrats are placed side by side, and no test is made but that of devotion to the Government. General JOHN COCHRANE is the successor of DANIEL S. DICKINSON, and the nominee for Attorney General. Mr. OLCOTT, the nominee for Controller, has a financial reputation beyond New York, and, according to the *Tribune*, "has often been named as a proper man for the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington." The other men on the ticket are all mentioned with words of eulogy, and every indication leads us to hope for a brilliant and successful campaign. The resolutions are comprehensive and just, and contain principles that no one can object to endorse. Governor SEYMOUR is denounced for his criminal subserviency to the mob in New York and the traitors in the South. In addition to this, the great principle is enunciated that, in this time of war and danger, all political differences should be laid aside to give the Government a generous support. With this as their cardinal doctrine, the loyal men of New York may go into their campaign confident of victory. We honor them for the spirit they have shown, and commend it to our loyal friends everywhere.

HON. EDWARD EVERETT has written a letter to the Union Convention at Springfield, Illinois, urging the duty of all loyal men to aid in the vigorous prosecution of the war for the great objects of suppressing the rebellion and restoring a permanent peace. The brief telegraphic synopsis does not give any idea of the forcible and beautiful rhetoric in which Mr. EVERETT has doubtless embodied this advice, but it tells us the great fact that his heart and mind are true to the cause of the Republic. Few men can so clearly explain, so eloquently advocate the principles upon which our national integrity depends, but all men can love them with equal ardor, and defend them with as resolute a purpose.

Does the Democracy Mean Disunion?

If it does not, it is the most unfortunate party in the world, for it then presents a most humiliating spectacle of ignorance, doing all in its power to achieve disunion without understanding its own efforts. We acquit at once the mass of the Democracy of any intention to divide the country, but the leaders of the Democracy we hold innocent of this disreputable ignorance of their followers, and find guilty of a more disgraceful intelligence. Thousands of men will vote a disloyal ticket in October, who fondly believe that they are upholding men and principles essential to the preservation of the Union. Their leaders deceive them flagrantly, appealing to their worst prejudices and passions, and persuading them that the nation is to be saved by opposing the Government, and the rebellion ended by interfering with the war. As Democratic leaders decree, the Democratic party acts; and therefore, when we ask if the Democracy means disunion, we ask if it is meant by GEORGE W. WOODWAND and VALLANDIGHAM, for these men are the Democracy, being to their party as the brain is to the body.

Asking this important question, we shall not be content with any irresponsible answer. These gentlemen, even against their own wills, shall reply to us. They cannot escape by evasion; like Falstaff, when questioned by the chief justice, they cannot elude the difficulty by pretending a sudden deafness. They must answer, and Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, Democratic candidate for the Governorship of Ohio, shall be the first to convict the Democracy of treasonable purpose. Take a chair, Mr. V., and inform the people of your occupation on the 7th day of February, 1861. If your memory is weak, we will refresh it by this file of the *Congressional Globe*, in which your record as a mis-representative of a loyal State, is written for general examination. On that day, you had the audacity to rise in your seat, and propose to the House—to which your presence was certainly not an honor—*an elaborate plan for the division of the Union into four parts.* You embodied them in formal resolutions, the first section of which was entitled—"The United States are divided into four parts."

You also announced it to be your intention to speak in support of this disloyal plan at the earliest opportunity, but we do not think it necessary to inquire if your intention was ever fulfilled. It is enough that you did, at a time when the South was, with all its energy, preparing for rebellion, advocate disunion on the floor of Congress, and coolly invite all your brother Representatives to help you to destroy the Republic. This is enough disgrace even for a disloyal politician. In mercy, we spare you any further exposure; your subsequent career is well known; how, banished for disloyalty, you made a tour of the South; how you escaped imprisonment there because of your known enmity to the Union; how the rebel papers said your election would be a triumph for the rebellion; and how you are now the candidate of a disloyal party, opposed by all patriotic Democrats, and enthusiastically supported by all the renegades of the North. We think *you*, Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, have answered us very emphatically, and, if you please, you may give your chair to your honorable colleague, Mr. Justice WOODWARD. You may go, Mr. VALLANDIGHAM; we are obliged to you for your confessions.

Does GEORGE W. WOODWARD mean disunion? He also shall have the privilege of answering a question which so deeply affects his reputation as a good citizen, and his chances as a party candidate. What then, Mr. Justice WOODWARD, were *you* about on the evening of December 13th, 1860? Making a speech? So we understood; and at a time when it was imperatively demanded of every man to speak earnestly for the preservation of the Union, and with all his energy against the principle of secession, and the purpose of the impending rebellion. We remember well the time, and we have read your speech. But, in it, alas! we find no earnest spirit of patriotism, but, instead, a spirit of disloyalty, degrading flattery of Southern institutions, and justification of the principle of rebellion. You said then, to the people of Philadelphia, Mr. WOODWARD: "It seems to me that there must be a time when slaveholders may fall back on their natural rights, and employ, in defence of their slave property, whatever means of protection they possess or can command." How speedily, sir, were your principles acted upon by the slaveholders, whom you so much admired! Why, if they had interpreted your words as advice, they could not have better profited by their meaning. The pretext for the rebellion *was* "the defence of slave property," and, as you suggested, in four months from the time you spoke, the slaveholders did employ for its defence "whatever means of protection" they possessed. Believing they could best insure the extension of slavery by destroying the Republic, they raised armies and began inveterate war. Nor was it without profound gratification that the slaveholders read those words of yours which justified their action; for it was the belief that such teachings would create a sympathy with the rebellion in the North that tempted them to sin. It is not strange, either, that you should call rebellion for the protection of slavery a natural right, believing, as you did then, and do now, that "*slavery is an incalculable blessing.*" Have you answered us yet, Judge WOODWARD? No, not quite. When patriots declared that the Republic should not be destroyed, that treason should be punished, and that the United States was pledged to prevent secession, what did *you* say? "This was what I, GEORGE W. WOODWARD, then advised, and never since have I counselled otherwise. It is said, 'Let the South go peaceably.' *I say, let her go peaceably.*" Ah! Mr. Justice WOODWARD, did you thus counsel dishonor and disunion? We are answered now. You do mean disunion. You have meant disunion ever since the beginning of the war. Your election would be a disunion triumph, and all Union men must oppose it for the honor of the State, for the safety of the country. We have no further questions, Mr. Justice WOODWARD, and you may join your friend. Mr. VALLANDIGHAM is waiting for you.

General Grant at Memphis.

The reception of General GRANT at Memphis is one of the most gratifying incidents of the war. It was not merely the compliment to a good man and a successful General; for the country has anticipated Memphis in its encomiums upon the distinguished commander of the Southwestern Army. It was the tribute of a Southern city to one who has been among the truest friends of the South. To Memphis General GRANT was not a Federal commander, nor the hero of many battles. He was its liberator. He broke the shackles of Southern power, and freed the people from a thraldom, and when he was welcomed by its citizens with many demonstrations of enthusiasm and joy, we look upon this ovation as an evidence of the true feeling of the Southern people. Under the compulsion of the conscript officer, and perhaps in obedience to a feeling of State and local pride, we have seen the people of the South arrayed against us as armies, and sustaining by their blood and valor the cause of the rebellion. Beneath this, however, the true feeling of love for the Union exists, and we see it exhibited whenever it can be done without exciting massacre and imprisonment. Another evidence of what the people really think when released from the thraldom of the rebels was seen in the school-girls' ovation to General BANKS. Every day we are more and more convinced that the rebellion is not the work of the Southern people, but of the bold men who possess the lands and slaves of the Southern States, and use the people very much as the feudal lords of early England used their swineherds and villeins. Such men as GRANT and BANKS are their friends and liberators. They carry the sword of a Republic, and their success is the triumph of republicanism. In every phase of this great question we find the issue slavery and freedom—aristocracy and democracy—free labor and slave labor. Our triumph is the triumph of justice, and the people everywhere welcome it as such.

In the Secret?

The policy of England, with respect to Mexico and the United States, could readily and reasonably be ascertained if some little bird would whisper the plain truth to us about one thing—was PALMERSTON in the secret of NAPOLEON'S offering the Imperial Crown of Mexico to the Archduke MAXIMILIAN, of Austria, in October, 1861, several weeks before one French, English, or Spanish soldier was deported to Vera Cruz, as part of the expedition against Mexico? It is clear from what occurred that the Spanish commander, General PRIM, was not in the secret, for as soon as ever the conviction of NAPOLEON'S double-dealing and interested ultimate motives dawned upon his mind, this honest soldier withdrew the Spanish contingent from Mexico. Did NAPOLEON take PALMERSTON into his confidence, or, to use a very plain but expressive phrase, was PALMERSTON kept in the dark, and therefore *sold*? There are some family (Cobourg) reasons why Queen VICTORIA might desire to see MAXMILIAN placed upon a throne, but, if NAPOLEON really tricked his friend PALMERSTON—and it looks as if he has done so—English policy may become anti-French and anti-Mexican.

Anti-Napoleonism.

There is no freedom of the press in France. Yet French opinion makes itself heard. The press is comparatively free in Belgium, and there is a manufactory of anti-Napoleon publications in Brussels. Now and then, NAPOLEON makes a complaint to LEOPOLD of the license of Belgian printers, and then follows a momentary pause; but this only for a time, and the cry against "the brigand," as the French Emperor is politely called, is fiercely renewed.

The refugees, who carry on this trade of depreciation, attack not only NAPOLEON himself, but all his family. There was lately published at Brussels a little book professing to recount, with disgustingly minute particulars, the "crimes and amours" of the Bonaparte family, commencing with Madame Mere, and ending with NAPOLEON and EUGENIE. Scandals, which had burnt out sixty years ago, because their very grossness made them impossible and incredible, are raked up and revived in this publication, vast numbers of which are smuggled into France. This is a mean, low, and unmanly way of opposing the present chief magistrate of France—such antagonism has a tendency to excite a sympathy for him. Much more dangerous to him is another pamphlet, also from the Brussels factory, entitled "The Civil List of Napoleon III., compared with that of Louis Philippe." The particulars of this, which are correctly stated, give the following results: that LOUIS PHILIPPE'S civil list was 12,000,000 francs, while that of NAPOLEON III. amounts to 25,000,000; that LOUIS PHILIPPE'S personal expenses were 160,000 francs, while those of NAPOLEON are 320,000 francs a year; and that the aids-de-camp of LOUIS PHILIPPE received 360,000 francs, while those of NAPOLEON are paid 720,000 francs per annum. The author, whose arithmetical education certainly was not neglected, calculates that the cost of an Emperor to France is 60,000,000 francs a year, 5,000,000 francs a month, 1,250,000 francs a week, (it actually is 1,153,845, there being fifty weeks in the year,) 164,383 francs a day, and 6,489 francs an hour. This minute dissection may appear absurd, but the argument most likely to sink into the mind of a discontented French tax-payer is that the Emperor receives such immense payment as the above out of poor men's earnings.

THE ARGUMENTS of the *World* would be irrefutable, if its statements were true. No other journal has such a talent for assuming falsehoods to be admitted facts. Criticising the President's letter it says: "Mr. LINCOLN tells us, in effect, that all our immense expenditures and sacrifices have not yet made any impression on the rebellion." It speaks of "his confession that all our victories are fruitless," and thus finds opportunity for accusing him of "persisting in a policy which produces nothing but fruitless slaughter." Is not this an excellent argument? But, unluckily, it proves a falsehood by affirming one. President LINCOLN has made no such confession. His letter distinctly states, "in effect," that our victories have been fruitful. He thinks that peace is brought nearer by the achievements of our armies, and congratulates the country that the sacrifices of loyal men have not been in vain. When will the *World* cease to contradict Truth to her face? What effrontery it must possess to print this false synopsis and the President's letter on the same day! If the *World* can get its readers to believe that the moon is made of cheese, it will have no trouble in convincing them that its light is the phosphorescence of decay.

"Loyalty" means devotion to our country and to her laws, and can never be perverted to mean an allegiance to partisan measures, or a partisan Administration. And it cannot justly be called unpatriotic to expose the malfeasance of our Government agents, even though it may and does disgrace our country in the eyes of other nations.—*Boston Cour.*

Granted. If loyalty means "devotion to our country and her laws," why do such loyalists as the *Courier* denounce conscription, the indemnity bill, the confiscation act, and, indeed, every law that really means to take away the life of the rebellion? These are not "partisan measures," but the solemn acts of an American Congress, and sacredly laws of the land.

THE Boston *Courier* "reserves comment upon the President's letter to another day." A sensible reservation which exposes BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S absurd advice "never to put off anything till to-morrow." Procrastination is a great virtue as thus practised by the *Courier*.

NEW CHESTNUT-STREET THEATRE.—Mr. Edwin Booth's benefit to-night will doubtless be well attended, for it will be his last appearance, and the bill is excellent. Mr. Booth will appear as *Bertuccio*, in the "Fool's Revenge," and in "Ruy Blas." Victor Hugo's drama, by the way, was begun on the 4th of July, and finished on the 11th of August, 1837, its composition occupying more time than any of his other plays. It was produced on the opening night of a new theatre, and unlike "Hernani," and others of his works, met with no opposition. At that time, Alexander Dumas, Victor Hugo, and their companions in literature, were bitterly denounced as innovators. The years have taught the world that their originality was not lawless.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to The Press.

WASHINGTON, September 3, 1863.

Expedition up the Rappahannock.

The expedition sent up the Rappahannock, to recapture the gunboats Satellite and Reliance, has returned, being unable, in consequence of low water, to get higher up than Tappahannock. One of the seamen of the Satellite arrived here to-day, having made his escape while being marched to Richmond. He represents that an expedition numbering between four and five hundred rebels, consisting in part of the same party who captured the two boats, left the neighborhood of Port Royal on Tuesday, for the Potomac, for the purpose of capturing some of our vessels. A party of cavalry is with them, which has been seen lately about Mathias' Point and other points on the river.

The Kansas Trust Lands.

The Interior Department has refused all the bids for the sale of the Kansas trust lands, and ordered new bids, which are to be made on or before the 15th of October next.

Flax and Hemp as Substitutes for Cotton.

The late Congress having appropriated $20,000 to be expended in testing the practicability of the introduction of flax and hemp as substitutes for cotton, commissioners have been appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture to consider the subject, viz: Hon. J. K. MOREHEAD, of Pittsburg, Pa., Dr. JOHN A. WARDER, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and W. M. BAILEY, of Providence, R. I., who began their sessions this morning.

The President's Letter.

The premature publication of the President's letter occasions much surprise. This was certainly not through the instrumentality of its author.

The Frigate Sabine.

The frigate Sabine left New London on Tuesday for the coast of New England, to enable the fishermen who have so long desired to enter the naval service to do so on board that noble vessel.

The Almaden Mines.

It is understood that, by an arrangement with the Government and the Almaden Mining Company of California, the Quicksilver Mining Company took possession of the mines on the 1st instant.

Appointment.

PENNERTON B. LOCKE, of Missouri, has been appointed Associate Justice of Nevada Territory.

No Exchange of Prisoners.

It is believed to be quite impossible to arrange a new cartel for the exchange of prisoners. The rebels decline to make any exchange of the negro troops, and threaten to execute them. This Government does not intend to change in the least in that respect, and general orders 252, issued by the President July 31, protecting those troops, will be carried out to the letter. General Meredith reports that he has not approximated any conclusion in the matter.

As regards the retaliation question, General Lee and Captain Winder are in close confinement still, our authorities never having received any notice of Capts. Sawyer and Flynn being placed on a level with other prisoners of war.

The same is the case with Morgan, in Ohio. He will be released when the rebel Commissioner notifies Gen. Meredith that Col. Streight and his officers are released, in Alabama, as reported.—*New York Commercial.*

Defeat of the Navajo Indians.

LEAVENWORTH, Sept. 3.—From Albuquerque, New Mexico, papers received here, we learn that on the 28th of July, Colonel Kit Carson, with part of the 1st New M. and a fight with the Navajo Indians, beyond Fort Canby. The Indians were defeated, with the loss of thirteen killed, twenty wounded, and many prisoners.

Health of New Orleans and the Army.

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—The correspondent of the *Traveller*, under date of New Orleans, August 31, refutes the repeated assertions of the rebel papers, that the soldiers of General Banks' army were dying of yellow fever. On the contrary, the correspondent states that good health prevails both in the army and in the city of New Orleans.

The Kansas Massacre—Aid for the Sufferers.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 3.—Three thousand dollars have been contributed by the citizens of this city for the benefit of the Lawrence sufferers, and one thousand dollars from the Union League, which was sent up immediately after the massacre.

The National Finances.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—An important meeting between the officers of the city banks and Mr. Chase, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, was held to-day. The proposition is understood to be that the banks of this city should lend the Government thirty-five millions of dollars. This sum Mr. Chase is to draw for during the next two or three months, as required.

The banks of Boston and Philadelphia are to be asked for an additional fifteen millions. The whole fifty millions is to be repaid in October or November, in new interest-bearing treasury notes, which are to bear five per cent. interest, and to be a legal tender.

Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

WORCESTER, Sept. 3.—The attendance at the Democratic State Convention was large, enthusiastic, and harmonious. Fifteen hundred and twenty delegates were present this afternoon. Richard S. Spofford, of Newburyport, presided.

H. W. Payne, of Roxbury, was nominated for Governor, and Thomas F. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, for Lieutenant Governor.

The resolutions adopted declare strongly for State rights, oppose the prosecution of the war for the purposes of subjugation and emancipation, denounce the extension of martial law to States not in rebellion; assert that the war is the result of both secession and abolition; pronounce the conscription act unwise, needless, oppressive, and unequal, and warmly applaud the course of Horatio Seymour.

Young Men's Convention at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 3.—A Mass Convention of loyal young men met here this morning. E. T. Shepard was chosen president.

Resolutions were adopted fully endorsing the President and his administration, as well as the sentiments of his Springfield letter; condemning Gov. Seymour's course, and urging the total abolition of slavery.

The convention is well attended.

The Syracuse Meeting.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Gerrit Smith addressed the mass ratification meeting, congratulating those present for abandoning party for their country. He spoke approvingly of President Lincoln's letter.

A letter was received from Daniel S. Dickinson endorsing the ticket, and regretting his inability to be present.

Speeches were made by other prominent gentlemen, and the meeting adjourned with cheers for the ticket and the cause.

[Special Despatch to the Evening Post.]

SYRACUSE, September 3.—The Young Men's Convention, to ratify the State ticket nominated yesterday, is very largely attended.

The letter of President Lincoln was announced by the chairman as having been received minutely in New York, Missouri, and Illinois. The letter was read by Mr. Russell F. Hicks, and was most enthusiastically received.

At the clause declaring that the proclamation "cannot be retracted" the audience rose twice with vociferous applause. At the sentence, "The promise of freedom being made, must be kept," the Convention again broke into demonstrations of delight.

The paragraph in reference to the opening of the Mississippi was read twice, and at its close there was great applause.

Ex-Governor Noble was introduced, and complimented the President for his fidelity to principle. He said that Governor Seymour was politically dead, but added that in his case the doctrine of punishment after death must be maintained.

A series of "radical" resolutions were reported by William Dorsheimer, and adopted by the convention.

Death of the Hon. G. C. Bronson.

SARATOGA, Sept. 3.—The Hon. Greene C. Bronson died here, about nine o'clock this evening. He had been sick only a few days.

Review of Canadian Volunteers.

BRANTFORD, C. W., Sept. 3.—A grand review of volunteer and regular troops, collected from all parts of the Western Province, was held here to-day. An immense concourse of spectators was present and great enthusiasm was manifested.

STATE ELECTIONS.—State elections are to take place in the following order:

California	Sept. 2	Maryland	Nov. 3
Maine	Sept 14	Wisconsin	Nov. 5
Ohio	Oct. 13	Delaware	Nov. 10
Pennsylvania	Oct. 13	Iowa	Nov. 10
Massachusetts	Nov. 3	Minnesota	Nov. 10
New York	Nov. 3	West Virginia	Nov. 10

The following States elect members of Congress: California, 3; Maryland, 5; Delaware, 1; West Virginia, 3. Governors are to be elected in California, Maine, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Members of a State convention also to be chosen in all these States; Maine, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin, and Minnesota electing all the members to both Houses.

—In a letter to a great Union meeting in Ohio, Hon. Edward Everett says, with eloquent patriotism:

"I can not, however, be indifferent to the result of your impending election. Whatever collateral issues may be pressed upon the public mind, the real issue is whether the right of secession shall be acknowledged, the armies recalled from the States in rebellion; one-half the soil of the United States surrendered to them; the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico, the mouth of the Mississippi given up, not merely to a foreign Confederacy, but to the individual foreign State of which it is composed, and to the European Powers with whom they may, any one of them, choose to enter into alliance; or whether the war shall continue to be prosecuted with the utmost vigor, in order, at the earliest possible moment, to crush this most causeless and unprovoked attempt to lay the dishonored and powerless fragments of the noblest, most prosperous and favored country at the feet of foreign Powers; and this for the sake of gratifying the wretched lust for office on the part of a few ambitious men in the States holding States. Nothing but union of sentiment and action in the loyal States is now wanting to bring the struggle to an auspicious close; and any result of your election, which would weaken the arm of the General Government, when a decisive blow is about to be struck, would be a public calamity."

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AT GETTYSBURG.—We have, for the last time, made a visit to the camp near our town, selected as the site of our General Hospital, spending several hours there, with a view to inform ourselves of its arrangements, and other matters connected with the order and comfort of the many wounded and suffering there. We traversed the large camp, spending a little time in tents, and carefully refrain from expressing our high gratification with all that came before our vision. The streets are broad, cleared of every decayed vegetable, almost hourly swept and in order, with nothing to generate disease, not of fact from the comfort of the sick and wounded, the tents large and airy, the fresh, cooling breeze from the mountains fanning and refreshing the sufferers, all their wants supplied, and kind, cheering words never absent, from the good Samaritans around. A more healthy, beautiful spot could not have been selected; and no more careful surgeons and attendants can be found than are there assembled. This is but a small tribute to the kindness and attention of those who have the hospital in charge.—*Adams Co. Sentinel.*

OBITUARY.—HON. Norman H. Purple, of Illinois, died of dropsy, in Chicago, on the 4th ult. Judge Purple occupied the position of the leading lawyer of the Empire State of the West. He served a term as judge of the Supreme Court of his State, and was remarkable for the profound nature and extent of his judicial learning. In politics he was of the Douglas school of the Democracy, and was at one time the favorite of a large though not controlling section of the Illinois Democracy for the position of United States Senator. Judge Purple was a man of imposing presence, and of habits the most genial socially and conservative mentally. Illinois will long mourn her great loss. The obsequies took place at Peoria, where the deceased long resided.

A DEMAND AND ITS REASON.—At a meeting in Leavenworth, Kansas, on the 28th ult., resolutions were adopted, demanding the removal of Gen. Schofield from the Department of Missouri, assigning as a reason for the demand, that "under his administration, Kansas has lost more peaceable citizens by cold-blooded butcheries, than were killed in Kansas regiments at Wilson's Creek, Cane Hill, and Prairie Grove."

HOUSES IN WASHINGTON.—A Washington letter-writer says the demand for places to live in Washington is treble the supply already, and when Congress meets it will be as difficult to accommodate all the people as it used to be on inauguration days. Such a thing as a vacant house is unheard of. Ordinary houses on the back streets, that once rented for $150 and $200 per annum, are now commanding double that amount, and the tenant often gives a premium of a hundred dollars or so for the privilege of paying such a rent. It is estimated that from five hundred to a thousand vacant houses are needed at this moment. Only the rich can keep house.

WHITE OFFICERS OF BLACK REGIMENTS.—The Washington *Republican* says: "The rebel authorities have expressed a willingness to exchange all prisoners except white officers of black regiments. They would not condescend to entertain such an insulting proposition."

Ship News.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Arrived, brig Oleander, from Bermuda; brig Pius the Ninth, from Sunderland.

Below, bark Anna, from Demerara.

GEN. KILPATRICK'S CAVALRY EXPEDITION.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

The Enemy Completely Routed.

DESTRUCTION OF THE GUNBOATS SATELLITE AND RELIANCE.

[Special Despatch to The Press.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 1863.

The expedition under Gen. Kilpatrick, sent out a few days since, to recapture, in conjunction with the navy, the gunboats Satellite and Reliance, which recently fell into the hands of the rebels, was, so far as the cavalry is concerned, successful.

On Tuesday evening, Gen. Kilpatrick arrived on this side of the river, at Port Conway, and brilliantly dashed upon the enemy's pickets under Col. Low. The rebels did not even make a show of resistance, but rushed into a number of flat-boats, in the wildest confusion, and landed safely on the opposite bank. If they had made a show of fight, they would most likely have been captured.

After the escape of the enemy, General Kilpatrick waited two hours for the co-operation of the navy, which is understood to have been agreed upon. The vessels did not arrive, and General Kilpatrick ordered a battery to open fire upon the gunboats Reliance and Satellite. This was done at the distance of six hundred and fifty yards. The enemy immediately abandoned the gunboats, very fortunately for themselves, for only a few moments elapsed before the Satellite was in a sinking condition, and the Reliance rendered useless. Both boats were completely riddled by shot and shell. The force under Kilpatrick consisted entirely of cavalry and two batteries of artillery. The Satellite is sunk, and the Reliance so completely disabled as to be beyond hope of being repaired by the rebels.

BOSTON.

Funeral of Late Mayor Collamore—Edward Everett on the Prosecution of the War.

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—The funeral of George W. Collamore, the late Mayor of Lawrence, Kansas, took place to-day. There was a large attendance, including Gov. Andrew and other prominent citizens.

The Hon. Edward Everett wrote a letter to the Springfield (Illinois) mass meeting, which was read to-day. It reiterated the patriotic sentiments he has always advocated, and recommended a complete laying aside of all partisan feeling, and a union for the attainment of the object which all approve—viz: the vigorous prosecution of the war for the suppression of the rebellion, the prostration of the leaders, and the return of peace and the restoration of the Union.

The Election in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—No trade doing to-day. The stores and many shops are generally closed, the citizens all attending the election. The vote of the city up to 4 P. M. is unprecedentedly large. The majority for the Union State ticket will be about 7,000. The People's Union Legislative ticket will probably be elected by 1,000 majority. Telegraphic returns from Sacramento, Nevada, Stockton, San Jose, and Marysville counties, up to noon, estimate the majority in those precincts for the Union State ticket as nearly two to one.

Sailed, ship Washington, for Boston, carrying 11,500 sacks copper ore, 7,000 hides, 67,000 horns, 1,350 bales wool, and other products valued at $200,000.

The Union Mass Meeting at Springfield,

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 3.—The Union mass meeting assembled here to-day was an immense demonstration. The President's letter was read and received with demonstrations of approval.

Resolutions were adopted, returning thanks to the volunteers that have nobly rallied to their country's standard in the hour of her trouble, and declaring that in view of the extraordinary difficulties and embarrassments which have environed the National and State affairs during the present atrocious rebellion, the efforts of the constituted authorities of the National and State Governments command the highest respect for the zeal, ability, and fidelity by which they have been marked.

Speeches were made by Governor Yates, Senators Doolittle and Trumbull, Generals McClernand, Oglesby, and Lane, of Indiana, and other distinguished gentlemen.

The Murder Near Evansville, Indiana.

An Evansville, Ind., despatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette* gives the following particulars of the recent inhuman murder near that place:

"A most outrageous murder was committed about five miles from this city, in German township, on Saturday last. At about ten o'clock A. M., two men, dressed as soldiers, but supposed to have been disguised, entered the house of a German named Heike and demanded money of four children who had been left at home, their mother being in this city at the time with marketing, and their father some distance from the house cutting a tobacco pole. The murderers beat the children with clubs, leaving them all, as they supposed, dead. They then proceeded to the father, and began to strike him with the axe he was using, nearly severing his head from his shoulders, killing him instantly. The wife of Heike arrived at home in eleven o'clock, where she found her dear husband and four children weltering in their blood. The screams of the poor frantic wife and mother aroused the neighbors, who, upon entering the house, found two of the children still living, one being able to speak a few words. They stated that the villians were dressed in soldiers' clothes, and that they demanded money. At last accounts but one of four children was expected to recover, two having died and no hopes for the other living but for a few hours. Sheriff Wolflin and deputies are scouring the country on the whole country around is being scoured by the officers and citizens. Two soldiers, named Grow and Roberts, of the 130th Indiana Regiment, stationed here, are arrested in one of the hospitals in this city. They admit of having been within half a mile of the scene that morning, but their story seems to be no clear evidence as to their guilt. It is not thought that the perpetrators of this horrible deed were soldiers; but the uniform of soldiers was adopted as a disguise only. Heike was a poor man, had no money, nor enemies known to his neighbors, and what could have induced any human being to commit such a deed can only be conjectured.

N. B.—We learn from Deputy Sheriff Earley tonight that Wolflin and himself took the two soldiers out this afternoon to the scene of the murder, but could obtain no new evidence as to their guilt. There was an immense crowd of excited people present, and, as the officers started back to the city with the prisoners, the crowd followed, with threats, and showed a disposition to take the prisoners by force and hang them, but by the cool determination of the officers, they were checked, and the prisoners safely lodged in jail again.

The Battle Field of Gettysburg.

GETTYSBURG, August 31, 1863.

To the Editor of The Press:

SIR: Immediately after the battle of Gettysburg, the thought occurred to me that there could be no more fitting and expressive memorial of the heroic valor and signal triumphs of our army, on the first, second, and third days of July, 1863, than the battle-field itself, with its natural and artificial defences, preserved and perpetuated in the exact form and condition they presented during the battle.

Acting at once upon this idea, I commenced negotiations, and have secured the purchase of some of the most striking and interesting portions of the battle-ground, embracing among these the heights of Cemetery Hill, on the centre, which resisted the fiercest assaults of the enemy; the granite spur of Round Top, on the left, with its massive rocks and wonderful stone defences, constructed by the Pennsylvania Reserves; and the timber breastworks, on the right, extending for a mile upon the wooded heights of Wolf Hill, whose trees exhibit the fearful effects of our musketry fire.

In pursuance of the original purpose, I now propose to the patriotic citizens of Pennsylvania to unite with me in the tenure of the sacred ground of this battle-field. In order that all may participate who will, at its actual cost, the amount of a single share will be limited to ten dollars.

Committees may be named in the cities and large towns, throughout the State, to whom reference and application can be made.

I respectfully submit the subject to your consideration, and, should it meet the approval of your judgment, invite your active co-operation and influence, with your subscription to the battle field fund.

It is in contemplation to procure an act of incorporation from the Legislature, granting powers similar to those of a Monument Association. It is not designed to limit the number of shares which any citizen may subscribe, as the more generous the fund the more liberal the bounds of this sacred patrimony which it is proposed to perpetuate.

Very respectfully, etc.,

D. MCCONAUGHY.

Letter from Gen. Rosecrans.

In reply to a Democratic committee of Ohio, Gen. Rosecrans has written the following interesting letter:

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T. OF THE CUMBERLAND, WINCHESTER, TENN., Aug. 15, 1863.

GENTLEMEN: Your favor of the 4th inst. is before me. You speak in the name of the Democratic party of my native State—a party with which I have always acted, and, therefore, seize a few moments of leisure to reply.

1st. The State of Ohio says, through her Legislature, she wishes her citizens temporarily absent from home, serving in the army, to have a voice in the coming State elections. My ears are attentive to her voice, and my heart responds