



THE RECEPTION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.—A BARE FABRICATION.—The Philadelphia Inquirer of yesterday, under the head of "Excitement at Reading," contained what purported to be a "Special Despatch" from this city—anonymous, of course—stating that the appointment of several prominent Democrats upon the Committee of Reception, (which was named jointly by the Presidents of Councils, and consists of an equal number of both parties) had given "great dissatisfaction;" that "the Union League and citizens had passed resolutions denouncing the act as an outrage, and refusing to join in the reception unless the objectionable names are withdrawn;" that a despatch had been received from the soldiers refusing to be received by the City Councils, and deciding to be received by the League; that the soldiers, "to express their strong indignation against the copperheads, are preparing a banner inscribed 'Down with all Copperheads'" and that the Fire Department has called a meeting "to co-operate with the League."

Now, there is hardly a grain of truth in this whole story. The Committee, upon which these alleged "objectionable names" appear, has held two meetings, to make arrangements for the reception of the soldiers, and their action has been friendly and harmonious. No "citizens" have passed resolutions denouncing the appointment of this Committee and refusing to join in the reception on that account; and we have no public notice of any such action even by the "Union League." The only resolutions from that quarter, which have been made public, are those relinquishing the assumed direction of the reception into the hands of the City Authorities, where it should be. As for the refusal of the soldiers to be received by the Councils, that is also a bare fabrication. At least, we are informed by a gentleman who spent all of Thursday in camp with the soldiers, and returned home yesterday morning, that he heard nothing of that sort while he was there, neither did he see anything of the "banner" that this lying correspondent says is in preparation. For ourselves, we have too good an opinion of the soldiers of the 12th to believe that, composed as they are of intelligent men, of both parties—many of them old friends and neighbors—they would mar the joy of the welcome that is preparing for them by sending an offensive banner of any kind.

It is easy to see that this "special despatch" of falsehoods has been made up for some mischievous malicious radicals here, for the express purpose of gratifying their extreme partisan prejudices and hatreds. They are determined to make political capital out of the soldiers in some way, and seek to accomplish their unworthy object by introducing the firebrand of party rancor and strife among them. But we trust the decent men of both parties will have influence enough to crush this despicable plot, and prevent the heavy, united welcome of our citizens, as men, neighbors, friends and brothers, from being degraded into a low partisan brawl, which will be both an insult to the soldiers whom it is intended to honor, and a disgrace to the reputation of our city.

THE NEW STATE OFFICERS.—On Monday, the 4th inst., in accordance with law, the new State officers, to wit: ISAAC SIKES, Auditor General, JAMES P. BARR, Surveyor General, WILLIAM V. MCGRAW, State Treasurer, —All Democrats, who were elected—the first two named, by the people in October last, and the last by the Legislature in January—entered upon the duties of their respective offices. They succeeded THOMAS E. COCHRAN as Auditor General; HENRY SUTHER (who was appointed for the unexpired term of the late Gen. Wm. H. Kern) as Surveyor General; and HENRY D. MOORE as State Treasurer—all Republicans.

The new Auditor General has re-appointed W. Q. WALLACE as Chief Clerk, a position he has held for many years, under various Administrations.

THE NEW SURVEYOR GENERAL has appointed Maj. THOMAS J. REHRER, an old Berks county man, as his Chief Clerk. Maj. Rehrer held this place for a long time, under all changes of Administrations, until removed by the late Gen. Keim.

THE NEW STATE TREASURER has called our old friend Wm. D. BOAS, Esq., back to his old place as Chief Clerk and Cashier of the Treasury—and a better or more faithful officer does not live. Men of all parties must and will approve this excellent appointment. DANIEL K. WIDNER, Esq., of Berks, late a member of the Legislature, has been appointed an Assistant Clerk in the Treasury Department.

Among the other appointees by the new incumbents, we notice two well known "gentlemen of the Press" to wit—JOHN M. COOPER, Esq., of Chambersburg; and J. MONTGOMERY FOUST, Esq., of Harrisburg.

MILITARY ORDERS VS. LAWS.

The assumptions of Generals in issuing Orders setting aside the Constitution and Laws, and telling citizens as independent as themselves what they may do and say, and what not, in the midst of a peaceable, law-abiding community, is an arrogance as unnecessary as it is irritatingly offensive, and presents a great obstacle to that unity of feeling and action among the Northern people which is indispensable to the welfare of the Government. Domestic, petty, official tyranny should cease—military officers be taught to respect the civil authority, and to seek for honor in the field, and not in presenting a mere party opponent. The hope expressed by Abolition journals that the General Administration will control State elections through the direct exercise of its military powers, is revolutionary, and its authors are as much enemies to the Government as any soldier in the Rebel army. To carry the country through the present struggle the Administration has only to observe strictly the duties that the Constitution has confided to it, and leave the people to the discharge of their obligations, as freemen and not as mere slaves to arbitrary orders. Could it only be brought to do so, another snow would fall before the war would end in the restoration of peace and the Union. There is no sympathy with Secession in the States not in rebellion; that need disturb the public authorities at all—if the Administration and its agents will only perform their part wisely, the people will promptly discharge their duty, and restore the Constitution to its former supremacy over the whole land. Let schemes about the next Presidential election be abandoned—intrigues for supremacy among Cabinet officers cease, and personal rivalries and detractions among military officers be silenced; let the great work of restoring the Union be made the sole and single aim of those in power, and all unconstitutional schemes of negro emancipation be abandoned as impracticable—for experience has proved them even worse than that—and how soon would our now distracted country rise above the clouds that obscure its prosperity and glory, and rejoice in the sunshine of returning peace, union and liberty. The great mass of the American people are not traitors, and no military usurpations, either with or without Executive authority, can make them slaves.

DEATH OF "SPENCER" JACKSON.—The noted rebel General, Thomas Jefferson Jackson, commonly known as "Stonewall Jackson," died at Richmond last Sunday, from the effects of the amputation of his arm, and an attack of pneumonia which followed it. He was reported among the wounded on the rebel side in the late terrible battle at Chancellorsville, and it is said that the wound proceeded from an accidental shot by one of his own men. He was buried on Tuesday.

THE DECEASED OFFICER was a native of Virginia, and not quite 40 years of age. He graduated at West Point in 1846, and immediately entered the U. S. Army as a Second Lieutenant of Artillery. He fought bravely at Contreras, Churubusco and Chapultepec, in the Mexican war, for which he was promoted successively a First Lieutenant, Captain, and finally, at the close of that war, a Major. In 1852, he resigned his commission in the Army, and became a Professor of Mathematics in the Military Institute at Lexington, Va. He was twice married—his first wife having been a daughter of the Rev. George Junkin, formerly of this State; his second, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Morrison, a Presbyterian minister of Charlotte, N. C. On the accession of Virginia, he "went with his State," and was placed at the head of a Regiment of Infantry, and subsequently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in the rebel Army. He was among the most celebrated of all the rebel Generals, on account of his daring raids with the light corps which he commanded. In his demeanor he is represented as having been extremely quiet and modest, plain and unostentatious in his dress, silent and thoughtful; in his habits temperate, in his conduct strictly moral, and in religion a High member of the Presbyterian Church. In character and capabilities, he was confessedly a superior man, worthy of a better cause than the one in which he has sacrificed his life.

DEATH OF THE REBEL GEN. EARL VORN.—The report that the rebel General, Earl Van Dorn, was shot and instantly killed, by Dr. Peters, of Maury county, Tennessee, at the house of the latter, which came from Nashville last Saturday, is confirmed. It is stated that Van Dorn was discovered in criminal intercourse with the wife of Peters.

EARL VAN DORN was born in Mississippi about forty years ago, graduated at West Point in 1842, and was appointed a Second Lieutenant of U. S. Infantry. He served with gallantry in the Mexican war, and in the expeditions against the Indians in Texas in 1850. For his conduct in Mexico, he was several times promoted, and held a Major's commission in the U. S. Army at the breaking out of the rebellion. He was brave and daring as a soldier, but reckless to a fault, and dissolute in his private habits. The affair which caused his death was a true index to his character.

RETURN OF NINE MONTHS' MEN.—Up to Thursday morning, five Regiments of nine months' Pennsylvania Volunteers had arrived at Harrisburg and taken quarters at Camp Curtin, namely: The One Hundred and Twenty-second, Col. Franklin; The One Hundred and Twenty-third, Colonel Clark; The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth, Col. Jos. W. Hawley; The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth, Col. Jacob Higgins; The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth, Col. Frick; The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth, Colonel Matthews, now a prisoner in Richmond.

NINE MORE REGIMENTS OF NINE MONTHS' PENNA. VOLUNTEERS ARE YET TO ARRIVE, VIZ: 126th, 127th, 130th, 131st, 132d, 133d, 134th, 135th and 136th.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.—A large number of Union prisoners, now in Richmond, and recently captured in Fredericksburg, are about to be sent down to Newport News, transports having been sent up to City Point on Tuesday to receive them. The rebel Commissioner Old visited Newport News on Monday, and made arrangements with Colonel Ludlow, United States Commissioner, for an exchange. Accordingly nine hundred rebel prisoners, also taken at Fredericksburg, were sent up to City Point.

RUMOR REGARDING GEN. MCCLELLAN.—The New-York Express says it understands Gen. McClellan last week sent a request to the President either to accept his resignation or give him active service. Rumor says the resignation was not accepted, but that the reply was accompanied by an intimation that his services will be required at an early day.

City Affairs.

REV. H. HARRISON, D. D. of Lebanon, will preach in the First German Reformed Church, tomorrow (Sunday) in the morning in the English and in the evening in the German language.

THE RECTOR OF CHURCH STREET (D. Y.) preach the Sermon of Farewell to the old Church edifice, to-morrow (Sunday) evening. Services to begin at 7 o'clock.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, in the First Presbyterian Church, South Fifth street, at 3 o'clock. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.—This annual and venerable Ecclesiastical body will hold its one hundred and sixteenth annual session in St. John's Church, Reading, commencing on Friday, Sunday, May 1st. A large number of ministers, lay delegates and visiting clergymen are expected to be present, and many hundreds of interest to the Lutheran Church will be transacted.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.—The Treasurer of the United States Christian Commission for the purpose of the spiritual and temporal wants of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Seamen, and of the receipt of \$30 from Christ Church, Reading, Pa., per Rev. Alex. G. Combs, being the amount of the collection taken at the late National Fair Day.

THE SHOW TO DAY.—On account of accident, (by wind and weather) the Great Show will not be able to perform in Reading this afternoon. The arrangements however, are complete for a night's display, therefore our friends may expect a good Entertainment this Evening. The Agent of the Circus is in town and assures us that there will not be full this evening.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At a special meeting of the Medical Society of the City of Reading and County of Berks, held at the City of Reading, on the 15th inst., Dr. Brooks, Bieser, Wallace and Wiley were elected delegates to represent the Society at the meeting of the "American Medical Association," to be held at Chicago, on the first Tuesday of June next; and Dr. Baglio, John, Hunter, Hottelmann, Moore, W. Schlemmer, Ulrich and Williams, are delegates to the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday of June.

THIRD WARD DEMOCRATIC CLUB.—The Democrats of Third Ward held a meeting at the public house of Jacob B. Mast, on last Thursday evening, and adopted the following resolutions: That the regular business meetings of the Club, be held on the first Monday of each month, at the time for holding the regular business meetings of the Club. The names of the officers will be published next week.

Reception of the 123th Regiment.

The prominent of the gallant 123rd Regiment, whose term of service has expired, arrived at Harrisburg on Thursday morning, and are now quartered at Camp Curtin, where they will be held in order on Monday or Tuesday next. Meanwhile, our citizens are making arrangements, under the direction of the City Authorities, for giving them a suitable reception at the city of Reading. We give a full report of the proceedings that have taken place, for this object, up to the present time.

ACTION OF CITY COUNCILS.—In accordance with a recommendation of the Mayor (published last week), the following joint resolutions passed by the City Councils, at their meeting, held Saturday, May 9, 1863: WHEREAS, It is expected that the Six Companies from the 123rd Regiment, will return to their homes some time during the present month, and whereas, it is in the light and proper that the City Councils, as well as the various Societies, should extend to our patriotic fellow-citizens a cordial welcome, and reception on their arrival at Reading; Therefore

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils, and the various Societies, be and they are, in the name of the citizens of Reading, give to our soldiers of the 123rd Regiment, a cordial welcome, and a reception, and escort to such places as may hereafter be provided, and the citizens generally are hereby invited to participate.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—A meeting of the President and Select and Common Councils was held this evening, when they appointed the following gentlemen to serve as a Committee of Arrangements, for the reception of the 123rd Regiment: First Ward—Samuel Craig, William H. Albright, George W. H. Brown, Samuel Brown, Jr., and Charles Brown. Second Ward—John S. Richardson, J. Gladwin Jones, J. C. Hoff, President Select Council, ex officio. Third Ward—John S. Richardson, J. Gladwin Jones, J. C. Hoff, President Common Council, ex officio.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.—The Committee of Arrangements for the reception of the 123rd Regiment, met at 2 o'clock, on the 10th inst., and it appeared that the following gentlemen, were present: Messrs J. C. Hoff, James Brown, William H. Albright, John S. Richardson, Samuel Brown, Jr., E. A. Anson, Charles Brown, and J. Gladwin Jones. Mr. J. C. Hoff was called to the chair. The President and resolutions passed by the Councils were read and approved.

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PEACE! PEACE!

Mr. Gutz.—It is seldom that I get a sight of Mr. Knabb's Journal; but a short time since a number was handed to me for perusal, in which you were taken to task in consequence of your position in regard to a speech delivered by Mr. Vallandigham on the subject of "Peace," and, as usual, all those differing with Mr. Knabb, were stigmatized as "allies of traitors," &c. Does Mr. Knabb forget, that, during the election campaign of either 1846 or 1847, (whilst the war with Mexico was raging) in presence of quite a number of his own party friends, he openly declared, that the pending election amounted to a Presidential issue, a National one, namely: PEACE AGAINST WAR! THE PEOPLE AGAINST A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT, &c. Of course this was to be understood by his listeners to mean that he (Mr. Knabb) was in favor of and would stand by the country, the Government, &c. (?) Some time afterwards he said explicitly, that HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE PEACE ON ANY TERMS!

How the times have changed! When, during the present Abolition miracle, a Democrat merely whispers the endearing word "Peace," the bloodhounds of the party cry out: "Hang the Copperhead, the traitor!" The same full spirit, which ruled the Federal administration of old John Adams in the year 1793, is at work at the present time, and controls the Abolition administration of old Abe Lincoln.

The above charges against Mr. Knabb I am prepared to prove by at least one witness, (unless he should have the hardihood to deny them, which I doubt,) whose loyalty Mr. Knabb will not for a moment question, and who was on that occasion a so-called Whig and is now a loyal Abolitionist. Will Mr. Knabb dare to pronounce the above accusations false? I challenge him to do so.

THE DISTURBANCES IN INDIANA.—The telegraph has reported, during the last two or three weeks, a number of disturbances of the peace in the State of Indiana, which it denominated "Copperhead Outrages," evidently with the intent to create the idea that Democrats in that State were in insurrection against the Government. But we are glad to have high authority for pronouncing these reports bare fabrications. Gen. Burnside, when in Indianapolis the other day, made a statement to the effect that he saw no evidence of any purpose in Indiana to oppose the Government in the rightful exercise of its power—to resist law. The outbreaks which have occurred he regarded as arising from personal difficulties, and not as growing out of hostility to the Government.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. OFFICE, NO. 4 AND 5 EXCHANGE BUILDING, North Side of Walnut N. Between Third and Third Sts.

Table listing various insurance policies and amounts, including State of Pennsylvania, Union Bank, and other financial institutions.

INCORPORATED IN 1794. CHARTER PERPETUAL. CAPITAL, \$200,000. Properties of the Company, Feb. 1, 1863, \$493,829 67.

OLD ESTABLISHED HOSPITAL. No. 5 Beaver St. Albany, New York. Dr. TELLER CONTINUES TO BE CONFIDENTIAL and successfully consulted on all forms of disease.

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB. A meeting to be held at the public house of J. P. Albright, in Fifth Street, at 7 1/2 o'clock, this (Saturday) evening, May 16th, 1863.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN EXETER. A meeting to be held at the public house of J. P. Albright, in Exeter, on Saturday, May 16th, 1863.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN METHEN. A meeting to be held at the public house of J. P. Albright, in Methen, on Saturday, May 16th, 1863.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BERKS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1863. FREDERICK LAVER, NICHOLAS JONES, JOHN S. RICHARDSON, THOMAS PERKINS, BENJAMIN S. RITTEL, JAMES P. BARR, ALEXANDER BURNETT, JEREMIAH MENDEL, CHARLES KESSLER, LEWIS BRINER, Sec. Secretary.

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