



Brightly lighted banner that floats on the gale, Flag of the country of Washington, hall!

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION!

PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, the Convention of Delegates, convened by the Democrats throughout the State, will assemble

AT HARRISBURG, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th, 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to nominate delegates to the Convention of Delegates to the National Convention, and to consider the question of the CONSTITUTION and the UNION, at the ensuing election.

The Convention will also give expression to the sentiments of the Democrats of the State, who are in favor of the Constitution and the Union, and who are opposed to the war with Mexico, and to the disunion of the States, and to the other, from that disunion.

Chairman, Democratic State Central Committee, Potomac, May 28, 1863.

DEMOCRATIC EDITORS.

The Democratic editors of the State are respectfully invited to attend a meeting at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the 17th of June, of importance will be submitted.

Democratic papers please copy.

FARM FOR SALE.

Attention is directed to the farm offered for sale in this day's issue. This farm is located in one of the richest and most flourishing sections of Western Pennsylvania, in the midst of a highly cultivated and prosperous population, convenient to mills, churches and schools, and offers rare inducements to persons desirous of investing in real estate.

DEMOCRATIC TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

The good work of organizing Democratic Clubs in the several townships of this county, continues to go on with the most encouraging success. In addition to the meetings already held, and of which we publish the proceedings as fast as they are sent to us, calls have been issued for holding meetings at the following places:

For Bethel township, Saturday, May 30, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at Millersburg.

For Marion township, Saturday, May 30, at 6 o'clock, P. M., at Millersburg.

For Lower Heidelberg, Saturday, May 30, at 6 o'clock, P. M., at Spanglers.

For Berns, Saturday, June 6th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the public house of Samuel Tobias.

For Maidenreok, Saturday, June 6th, at 6 o'clock, P. M., at Moltown.

For Kearsburg and adjoining townships, Thursday, June 11th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at Barnhart's, in Priestown.

For Robeson, Saturday, June 13th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at Eshelman's, a "Plough Tavern."

The Essex Club, formed last Saturday, will meet on Saturday, June 13th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at Snyder's, Stonevill.

THE DEFENSE OF THE STATE.—GOVERNOR CURTIS, by appointment, left Harrisburg on Wednesday evening for Washington, where, in conjunction with Major-General Schrock, he will consult with the President and authorities relative to the future protection of the State against invasion.

The Governor was accompanied by Adjutant-General Russell, who will urge upon the Government the payment of the militia called out in September last, and the expenses incurred in organizing the army and sustaining and transporting them. An appropriation by Congress has already been made to liquidate claims of this character, and an order by the War Department, setting forth the manner and by whom the appropriation shall be disbursed, is all that is required.

This order General Russell hopes to procure before returning.

GENERAL McCALL.—Some time ago a special order from the War Department, mustering out of service Brigadier-General GEORGE A. McCALL, the original commander of the Pennsylvania Reserves, was very generally published. Since then, the following order has been issued by the Department:

"ADJUTANT GENERAL CURTIS, May 28, 1863.

"SPECIAL ORDER, No. 201.—So much of Special Order, No. 169, from the War Department, Adjutant-General's Office, of April 13, 1863, as directs the muster out of service of Brigadier-General George A. McCALL, United States Volunteers, is hereby revoked.

By order of the Secretary of War, E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adjutant General.

We understand, nevertheless, that General McCALL has tendered his resignation.

AN INVADING CORPS.—The War Department has authorized the establishment of an invalid corps, to be composed of officers and enlisted men of regiments now in the field, and who have been incapacitated by wounds, &c., from active service. The details of the organization are to be managed by the Provost Marshal General. These men will be assigned to garrison and provost duty, and will assist in the enforcement of the Conscription act.

The TWELFTH INFANTRY DISTRICT.—The Democratic conference of the 12th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Union, have elected Dr. Joseph McMillen, of Clinton county, as Senatorial Delegate to the Democratic State Convention, with instructions to vote for Hon. HIRSHMAN CURTIS, of Berks county, for Governor.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.—Major Jas. Burns, Sen., died in Bedford county, Penn., on the 17th, aged 103 years. He was with Washington at Valley Forge, and participated in the battle of Brandywine.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The near approach of the time for holding the Democratic State Convention, is naturally drawing the public mind, with increasing interest, toward the probable action of that important body. Those who feel how weighty the considerations are which hang upon its deliberations and ultimate decisions, cannot refrain from an expression of their intense anxiety for the result.

The question is asked, with an earnestness never before felt, will this Convention, as a representative of the great National party that, for so many years, successfully administered the government in strict accordance with the letter and spirit of the Constitution, and, abjuring all sectionalism, held the Union together in the bonds of mutual fraternity and interest—will it rise to the full measure of the importance of the work before it, and, regarding only the present and future welfare of the people who confide in it, and the perilous condition of our now distracted country, act as the spirit of pure patriotism, and a sense of the dangers that assail not only the Union, but the very fabric of freedom itself, shall dictate? Or will it be a mere repetition of what such bodies have too often been in former and ordinary times—a squabble of rival factions and petty local or personal interests, each intent on gaining its own selfish, and perhaps, unworthy ends? The people expect much at the hands of this Convention, and should they be doomed to disappointment, a fearful responsibility will rest upon the heads of those to whom that disappointment shall have to be charged.

The choice of a candidate for Governor will be the most important work of the Convention. The time is extraordinary and momentous, and demand a man who is fully equal to them. The call is loud and peremptory for a candidate whose honesty is unblemished and unassailable—a man of nerve, of independence, and patriotism that cannot be shaken—a man who, if elected, will stand, with unblenching courage and determination, midway between the assaults of rebellion and treason on the one hand, and the equally if not more dangerous encroachments of arbitrary power on the other. He should be, to us, in heart and soul—in every fibre of his body, every impulse of his mind, and every impulse of his spirit—a thorough Pennsylvanian, with manhood enough to resist the arrogant assumptions of corporate power within our borders, and to repel all aggressions of Federal authority upon our reserved State rights, which we have heretofore exercised in strict harmony with and obedience to all our constitutional obligations to the Federal Government. This is the style of man the crisis calls for. The standard is high, but not too high to be reached, if the Convention will seek to reach it with clean hands and an honest purpose. Our own county, as we believe, presents a candidate who can come up to the mark, and the people's successful champion in the coming campaign. But, while we would rejoice to see the choice fall upon a native son of Berks, we shall not urge personal preferences, even in his favor, at a time like this. Give us the man—aid come he from what quarter he may, we shall joyfully hail him as our leader, and, to the sake of the cause of "UNION AND LIBERTY," for which the Pennsylvania Democrats are irreversibly pledged, will join, heart and hand, with the Democratic masses of the State at large, in such a vigorous criticism of King's as "Invasion of the Crimea," which is worthy of its best days. Under the title of "The Black Country," a very interesting account is given of the coal region and mining operations of Great Britain. The chief literary attractions of Blackwood, are Part XVI. of Bulwer's "Caxtonia," and a review of the writings of the German poet Uhland. "My Invention in the Far West," is an American sketch, highly colored and disparaging, as the genuine British invariably writes of this country. "American State Papers" is a classic picking of pieces of Mr. Seward's diplomatic correspondence and foreign policy generally.

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Vallandigham's Address to the Ohio Democracy.

MILITARY PRISONER. CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 22, 1863. To the Democracy of Ohio.

Banished from my native State for no crime save Democratic opinions and free speech to you in their defense, and about to go into exile, not of my own will, but by the compulsion of an arbitrary and tyrannical power which I cannot resist, allow me a parting word.

Because despotism and superior force so will it, I go within the Confederate lines. But I will understand the purpose of this order. But in all the malice of enemies shall thus continue to give color to the calumnies and misrepresentations of the past two years. Their little whom the true character of the man with whom they have to do.

No order of banishment, executed by superior force, can release me from my obligations or deprive me of my rights as a citizen of Ohio and of the United States. My allegiance to my own State and Government I shall recognize, wherever I may be, as binding in all things, just the same as though I remained upon their soil.

Every sentiment and expression of attachment to the Union and devotion to the Constitution—to my country—which I have ever cherished or uttered, shall abide unchanged and unretreated, till my mortal hour. I need not doubt that the people of Ohio, covering not a moment before either the threats or the exercise of arbitrary power, will, in every trial, prove themselves worthy to be called freemen.

C. L. VALLANDIGHAM.

VALLANDIGHAM IN EXILE.—A dispatch from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, dated May 23rd, 1863, says that the Hon. C. L. Vallandigham was received there on an extra train from Nashville between ten and eleven o'clock on Sunday night.

After some hours' conversation with General Rosecrans and others, he was put in an open spring wagon and escorted by a squadron of cavalry to the outposts, and at 11 A. M., Monday, was delivered into the hands of the Rebel authorities. A single private soldier received him, to whom he made the following declaration:—"I am a citizen of the State of Ohio and of the United States. I am here by force and against my will. I therefore surrender myself, to you as a prisoner of war."

Another account says that Mr. Vallandigham was taken to Colonel Webb, of the Eighth Alabama Regiment, who received him with a remark that he had read his speeches but did not like him; that he could not receive him within the Confederate lines, but he would permit him to remain at his post until he had ascertained the pleasure of the authorities.

THE REPORT OF THE insanity of Mrs. Vallandigham, occasioned by the forcible arrest of her husband at midnight, is said to be true. "Do not go to them," she begged, in piteous accents, "they will murder you!" Ascertaining that they had no legal warrant for his arrest, he refused to accompany them. With repeated blows that shook the house, one door was broken in, then another, and another, and the armed men rushed in the chamber of Mr. Vallandigham and his devoted wife. Her reason reeled in that awful hour, and gave way to lunacy.

BLACKWOOD AND THE EDINBURGH REVIEW.—We have received the April number of the Edinburgh Review and the May number of Blackwood's Magazine, republished in New-York by L. Scott & Co., 38 Walker street. The Review opens with a vigorous criticism of King's as "Invasion of the Crimea," which is worthy of its best days. Under the title of "The Black Country," a very interesting account is given of the coal region and mining operations of Great Britain. The chief literary attractions of Blackwood, are Part XVI. of Bulwer's "Caxtonia," and a review of the writings of the German poet Uhland. "My Invention in the Far West," is an American sketch, highly colored and disparaging, as the genuine British invariably writes of this country. "American State Papers" is a classic picking of pieces of Mr. Seward's diplomatic correspondence and foreign policy generally.

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City Affairs.

DEMOCRATIC CITY CLUB.—The regular monthly meeting of the Club will be held this coming Monday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. H. Livingston, Esq., 47 North Second street, at 7 o'clock. Subject—"The American Union."

EPISCOPAL SERVICE AT THE COURT HOUSE. Divine service at the Court House, to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10 o'clock. Seats free to the public. In the evening, at St. Barnabas, at 7 o'clock.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, in the Church, of the United Brethren, South Ninth street, at 3 o'clock. Soldiers and friends of soldiers are particularly invited to attend.

TWO DOCTRINAL DISCOURSES.—Rev. W. M. Mather will preach twice next Sunday, the 31st, at 10 o'clock. Seats free to the public. In the evening, at St. Barnabas, at 7 o'clock. The doctrine of the Trinity will be discussed.

SERVICES IN HONOR of the three hundred anniversary of the formation of the Heldeberg Cathedral, will be held to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10 o'clock, in the Second Reformed Church, South Sixth street. In the evening, there will be preaching by a member of the Lutheran Synod, about to leave for this city. The Church will be handsomely decorated with flowers. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

LUTHERAN SYNOD.—The one hundred and sixtieth-annual session of the Synodical Lutheran Ministry of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States, will be held in St. John's Church, Philadelphia, on the 27th, 28th and 29th inst. (Tuesday) Sunday. The Synodical Session will be preceded in the morning, by the President, Rev. Dr. MANN, of Philadelphia. In the afternoon, the German Secretary, Pastor BROTHER, of Altoona, will preside.

The business sessions of the Synod will be held during the coming week, to which the public are respectfully invited.

THE PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS, will hold their annual meetings in this city next week. The business of the Association will be transacted on Tuesday, and that of the Convention on Wednesday and Thursday. The occasional services will be preached by Rev. David Chace, of Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday evening, when it is expected that distinguished clergymen from abroad will appear.

REV. J. B. APOFF will deliver a sermon before the Empire Literary Association on Thursday evening, the 30th inst., at the Baptist Church, Chestnut street, below Fifth. The public are invited to attend.

MERCHANT LIONESS.—Notice is hereby given to all Wholesale and Retail Dealers residing in the County of Berks, that they are required to take out their licenses at the office of the County Treasurer, Reading, on or before the 1st of June next. Their licenses, or seals, will be brought within ten days after that date.

WILLIAM HERBST, County Treasurer.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TRAIN.—We understand that, on Sunday, the 7th of June, and every Sunday thereafter during the Summer, the Pennsylvania Reading and Pottsville Railroad Company will run a special train, with Pullman cars, at reduced fares. This train will leave Reading about 8 o'clock in the morning, stop at all the Way Stations, and return at an early hour in the evening.

FUNERAL OF A SOLDIER.—Sergeant Charles W. Pothorsh, of Company B, 93d Penna. Regt. Mead, who was reported among the killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, May 3d, but afterwards sent back to our lines alive, among a number of badly wounded men, died of his wounds in one of the Washington Hospitals. His body was sent home, and will be buried in the cemetery at Pottsville, on Monday next. The funeral services were performed in the Fourth Street Methodist Church, and the burial was at the Charles Evans Cemetery. Company B, 12th Regiment, Capt. McRae; the RINGGOLD CORNET BAND, and the discharged members of the Company B, 12th Regiment, accompanied the funeral—the latter acting as pall-bearers.

CORPORATION MOONLIGHT.—We had another good specimen of "Corporation Moonlight" last Sunday night. It was as dark as Egypt, but no lamp was lighted, and people had to grop their way home from Church as best they could. If the Police Committee follow the lead of the Board of Health, and put up street lamps every dark night, it would be a great improvement on the old order of things. This folly of expecting the moon to shine through thick clouds, just because the Almanac says it ought to shine, is too silly to be any longer tolerated, and should be done away with at once.

FIRE AT POTTSVILLE.—Last Friday night, about 12 o'clock, a fire was discovered in the large brick carpenter shop of the Reading Railroad Company, at Pottsville, but was fortunately arrested before much damage had been done. The fire originated, as is supposed, from a gas lamp, which had been recently brought into the shop, and was burning with a strong current of gas. The fire spread rapidly, and in a few minutes had reached the roof of the building, which was principally in burning and machinery. It cost \$4,000. When the alarm was given, the "Madison" Fire Engine was brought out, and Messrs. W. L. Rutter, George R. Clark and Irvin Yohn, who were assisting to clear the Engine to the place, ran over and seriously hurt.

PROF. BOCHER'S MUSICAL SOCIETY, last Saturday evening, at Lenox's Hall, was well attended, and one of the pleasantest entertainments we have had in long time. The program was well arranged, and the music was highly creditable to both them and their patron, while the Overtures by our old favorites, Shilling, Rapp, Wittich, Bredy, and Becher himself, and the vocal and instrumental pieces by the amateurs who so kindly volunteered to make up the number, were most excellent. The choir, under the direction of Prof. Bochler, was highly creditable to both them and their patron, while the Overtures by our old favorites, Shilling, Rapp, Wittich, Bredy, and Becher himself, and the vocal and instrumental pieces by the amateurs who so kindly volunteered to make up the number, were most excellent. 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