Gazette and Democrat.

READING, PA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1863.

Hail! brightest banner that floats on the gale,
Flag of the country of Washington, hail!
Red are thy stripes with the blood of the brave,
Bright are thy stars as the sun on the wave;
Wrapt in thy folds are the hopes of the Free,
Banner of Washington! blessings on thee!

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR:

GEORGE W. WOODWARD,

OF LUZERNE COUNTY.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT:

WALTER H. LOWRIE,

OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Assembly:
JOHN MISSIMER, of Alsace.
WILLIAM N. POTTEIGER of Jefferson.
CHARLES A. KLINE, of Greenwich.

For Prothonotary:
JONATHAN L. REBER, of Reading.

For Register:
M. S. THIRWECHTER, of Marion.

For Recorder:
ISAAC LAUCKS, of Reading.

For Clerk of the Orphans' Court.
SOLOMON CLOSE, of Exeter.

For Clerk of the Quarter Sessions:
FRANCIS ROLAND, of Reading.

For County Treasurer:
DAVID L. WENRICH, of L. Heidelberg.

For County Commissioner:
JOHN KURTZ, of Cærnarvon.

For Director of the Poor:
AARON GETZ, of Reading.

For Auditor:
ANDREW KURR, of Bethel.

Election, Tuesday, October 13, 1863.

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETINGS.

The Democratic Executive Committee for the County of Berks, have selected the following places and times, at which to hold Democratic Mass Ratification Meetings. The member of the Democratic Standing Committee living in the Township, Ward or Borough, in which the meeting is held, is to co-operate with the Democrats of his district, in making all necessary arrangements for the meeting:

Manderbach's, September 19th.
Kutztown, " 26th.
Plough Tavern, October 3d.
Yellow Tavern, " 10th.
Reading, " 12th.

WM. B. ALBRIGHT, Chairman.
JESSE G. HAWLEY, Secretary.

☞ We have another Communication from X, on the *Journal's* "disloyalty" during the Mexican War, but a press of advertisements obliges us to lay it over till next week.

☞ We are again under obligations to DR. B. RANDOLPH KEIM, Esq., War Correspondent of the New York *Herald*, for copies of late Memphis papers.

POSTAGE ON THE READING GAZETTE.—For the information of our subscribers who reside out of the county, we will state that, under the new Post Office Law, the postage on the *Reading Gazette* is 20 cents a year to any place out of the county, if paid quarterly, in advance—that is, 5 cents every three months. In Philadelphia, if the postage is not prepaid, the carrier demands 4 cents for each copy delivered, which is an extortion that we hope our subscribers will not submit to, now that they know how to avoid it.

☞ A COPY OF THE GAZETTE of Saturday last, addressed to JOSEPH K. MOSER, at Leesport Post-Office, was returned to us on Thursday, with the following inscription, as grammatical as it is polite, upon the wrapper:

"*Don't send this copper head sheet no more.*"

It is a pity that Joseph did not think of sending us this very civil message just about eighteen months ago; for, on referring to his account, we find that he owes us for subscription since the 9th of April, 1862. Joseph may think he has discovered a nice dodge for cheating us out of our dues, but as President Lincoln has not yet issued his Proclamation declaring the payment of debts due so-called "copperheads" a treasonable offence, without benefit of *habeas corpus*, we shall undertake to teach Joseph to be as honest as he pretends to be "loyal," and until he pays us what he owes, we will give him the benefit, every Saturday, free of charge, of the following first-rate little notice:

"Joseph K. Moser Leesport P. O., owes $2.20 for subscription to the Reading Gazette."

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETINGS.

The *fifth* Democratic Ratification Mass Meeting, appointed by the Executive Committee of this county, will be held this (Saturday) afternoon, 19th inst., at Manderbach's Spring, opposite Womelsdorf. A number of popular speakers from Berks and Lebanon counties, have promised to attend, and the whole Western section of the county will be represented by delegations from the several Democratic Township Clubs. To accommodate the Democrats of Reading who may wish to attend this meeting, an extra Passenger Car will leave the Reading Depot with the regular train, this morning at 11 o'clock, and return from Womelsdorf Station this evening at 6 o'clock, for Reading. Fare for the excursion, going and returning, 60 cents.

The *sixth* of the Mass Meetings for Berks county, will be held at Kutztown, on Saturday next, the 26th inst. We are requested by the Democratic Club of that borough, to announce the following gentlemen as the speakers: Hon. J. Glancy Jones and J. Lawrence Getz, Esq., of Reading, in the English language; and W. Rosenthal, Esq., of Reading, A. L. Ruhe, Esq., of Allentown, and Mr. D. E. Schoedler, of Lancaster, in German. All the Democratic Clubs in the county are invited to attend.

NAVAL ORDER.—By an Order of the Navy Department, issued yesterday, Lieutenant Commander Clark Wells is detached from the navy yard at Philadelphia and ordered to the command of the Galena.

OUR FIRST PAGE.

The first page of to-day's *Gazette* contains several political articles of importance, which all should read. We call attention to them, in regular order as they appear, by briefly quoting their several headings:

1st. WOODWARD AND HIS DEFAMERS.—A complete vindication of our candidate for Governor from the libellous accusations which his unscrupulous Abolition opponents have brought against his fidelity to the Union.

2d. LINCOLN'S SPRINGFIELD LETTER—in which the determination is boldly expressed—in violation of the pledges given in his Inaugural—to adhere to the Emancipation Proclamation at all hazards, and make the abolition of slavery a condition of peace with the States in rebellion.

3d. A NOBLE LETTER FROM SENATOR BUCKALEW, on the issue between Power and Liberty now presented to the American people. The warning words he quotes from the writings of the great FRANKLIN, could not have been more opportunely introduced.

4th. MORE ARBITRARY ARRESTS.—An account of a base and flagrant outrage, recently committed in Philadelphia, under color of legal process, upon two respectable, law-abiding, "loyal" clergymen.

5th. THE TRUE SPIRIT.—A glorious example of the attachment of the Democracy of Ohio to "the principle of liberty."

HON. HIESTER CLYMER.

Our talented State Senator is gallantly fulfilling the pledge he gave to the Convention which placed in nomination for the Governorship of Pennsylvania, his worthy competitor, Judge WOODWARD. Since the canvass has fairly opened, he has been almost continually upon the stump, addressing his fellow citizens in favor of the Democratic State Ticket. Beginning with his own county, on the 4th of August, he has successively addressed the people of Northampton, Cambria, Juniata, Jefferson, Clinton, Lycoming, and other counties, at their respective county-seats; and everywhere his impassioned eloquence and bold enunciation of facts have made a deep impression. He has other appointments ahead, which will occupy all his time from this until the election day; so that, in case inquiries may be made for him at home, his friends will understand that he is by no means idle, but is doing yeoman's service for the party in the State at large.

By the way, we see that the *Journal* copies a funny idea from the Chambersburg *Repository*, that Mr. CLYMER is assisting, by his speeches, to defeat Judge WOODWARD! If this were really so, Col. MCCLURE is too shrewd a politician to make it known. That's *not* what's the matter. It is CLYMER'S home-thrusts at the Curtin maladministration, that annoy its pensioners, and they foolishly imagine they can silence him by insinuating such nonsense as that he is damaging the Democratic cause by stumping the State for WOODWARD.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—The Democracy of Schuylkill—the daughter of Old Berks—have nominated the following excellent county ticket, which they expect to elect by about 3,000 majority:

Assembly—Edward Kerns, Conrad Graber, Michael Weaver; Prothonotary—Joseph M. Feger; Treasurer—Henry J. Hendler; Recorder—Dennis Maher; Register—Adolphus Dohrmann; Clerk of Quarter Sessions—Charles A. Rahn; County Commissioner—Elijah W. Zeigler; Director of Poor—Abraham Bressler; County Auditor—Benjamin T. Hughes.

We recognize, upon the above ticket, the names of a number of old friends. Messrs. Kerns, Graber and Weaver served their constituents faithfully in the last session of the Legislature. Col. Feger, the candidate for Prothonotary, is an original Berks county man, and well known to all travellers as the popular landlord of one of the principal Pottsville Hotels. Mr. Hendler, the candidate for Treasurer, is the editor of the *Jefferson Democrat*, the German organ of the Schuylkill county Democracy; and Mr. Dohrmann, the candidate for Register, will be remembered by many of our readers as the former associate editor of the *Reading Adler*, and many years ago one of the proprietors of the Orwigsburg *Stimme des Volks*. We are glad to see that the Democracy of Schuylkill county, in thus rewarding their hard-working editors, are living up to the wholesome rule that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

☞ HON. GEORGE W. WOODWARD, the Democratic candidate for Governor, visited Reading on Monday evening last, on his way to Lancaster. He remained here until Tuesday morning, as the guest of his nephew, Judge W. J. Woodward. During the evening, he accepted an invitation to meet his political friends, in an informal manner, at Keystone Hall, where a large number had assembled, anxious to see and take by the hand the chosen representative of the great principle of national union upon the basis of constitutional freedom, which is now so insidiously assailed by the pretensions of arbitrary power. The interview between Judge WOODWARD and the people of Reading, which lasted an hour or two, was mutually pleasant and satisfactory. We learn that he was very cordially received by the inhabitants of Sinking Spring, Wernersville, Womelsdorf, Stouchsburg, Myerstown, Lebanon and other towns on the route to Lancaster, numbers of whom turned out to bid him welcome, and express their devotion to the cause he represents.

DEATH OF HON. RICHARD BRODHEAD.—The Hon. Richard Brodhead died at his residence in Easton on Thursday morning. He had, for many years, taken a prominent part in the public affairs of Pennsylvania, having represented Northampton county in the Legislature three years, the Old Northampton district in Congress six years, and Pennsylvania in the United States Senate six years. He was greatly respected as a good citizen, a man of honest impulses and strict integrity, and his death will be deeply regretted.

THE MASS MEETING AT LANCASTER.—The great Democratic State Mass Meeting at Lancaster, on Thursday, was a monster gathering of freemen: From fifteen to twenty thousand persons were present. EX-Governor DAVID R. PORTER was President of the meeting, and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Hon. J. Glancy Jones, Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Hon. Wm. A. Porter, Hon. Henry Clay Dean, and others. Judge WOODWARD, our candidate for Governor, was in Lancaster the same day, as the guest of Mayor Sanderson.

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT. — Lancaster county is doing nobly in support of the Government, by sending forward her conscripts by the thousand to—*buy exemptions*. The Collector of Internal Revenue for that county, up to Tuesday last, had received from 1,170 drafted men the sum of $351,000 as commutation money. This looks very encouraging for a vigorous prosecution of the war; but as Lancaster gives every year an Abolition majority of 5,000 and continues Thaddeus Stevens in Congress, it is but fair that she should be excused from doing the fighting, without damage to her "loyalty."

THE MISSISSIPPI OPENED.—General Banks has issued an order opening the Mississippi for through trade.

MORE PROCLAMATION-MADE LAW.

Another blow has been struck at the safeguard of personal liberty, of which even the British subject cannot be deprived by any power under the Crown; but which, it seems, may be taken from the American freeman upon the flimsiest pretence of "necessity." At a time when there is not the shadow of resistance to the Federal Authority in any of the States not in actual rebellion—when the Conscription is being enforced quietly and peaceably—when the people are submitting, in patience and forbearance, to the rule of those who have transcended their lawful powers almost daily; thus proving that they would rather suffer a thousand wrongs than resort to any but lawful means to right them—when, in short, no circumstance affecting "the public safety" in any of the States that adhere to the Union, seems to require such an arbitrary stretch of authority,—a proclamation is issued, suspending the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*, and raising the military power to superiority over the civil laws everywhere throughout the United States. This is virtually the effect of the edict; for, although it pretends to limit its operation to certain specific cases, they are enumerated in such general and indefinite terms, that they may be considered as including all in which the privilege of the suspended "writ of right" is likely to have been sought. What object is to be accomplished by this step, at the present time, we are as yet not able to divine. It has doubtless been taken for a purpose, and that purpose will, we may suppose, soon be made apparent in some new outrage upon the constitutional rights of the people. Meanwhile, let them read the proclamation, and calculate for themselves, how much of personal liberty will be left to them, a year hence, if the despotic plea of "military necessity" continues to afford the present Administration a justification for this and similar acts of usurpation:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America has ordained that the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it; *and whereas*, a rebellion was existing on the third day of March, 1863, which rebellion is still existing; *and whereas*, by a statute which was approved on that day, it was enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, that during the present insurrection the President of the United States, whenever in his judgment the public safety may require, is authorized to suspend the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* in any case, throughout the United States or any part thereof; *and whereas*, in the judgment of the President of the United States, the public safety does require that the privilege of the said writ shall now be suspended throughout the United States, in the cases where, by the authority of the President of the United States, the military, naval and civil officers of the United States, or any of them, hold persons under their command, or in their custody, either as prisoners of war, spies, aiders or abettors of the enemy, or officers, soldiers or seamen enrolled, drafted or mustered or enlisted in, or belonging to the land or naval forces of the United States, or as deserters therefrom, or otherwise amenable to military law or the rules and articles of war, or the rules or regulations prescribed for the military or naval service by authority of the President of the United States, or for resisting a draft, or for any other offence against the military or naval service:

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim or make known to all whom it may concern, that the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* is suspended throughout the United States, in the several cases before mentioned, and that this suspension will continue throughout the duration of the said rebellion, or until this proclamation shall, by a subsequent one to be issued by the President of the United States, be modified or revoked. And I do hereby require all magistrates, attorneys and other civil officers within the United States, and all officers and others in the military and naval service of the United States, to take distinct notice of this suspension, and to give it full effect, and all citizens of the United States to conduct and govern themselves accordingly, and in conformity with the Constitution of the United States and the laws of Congress, in such cases made and provided.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the United States to be affixed, this fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, (1863) and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-eighth.

ABRAHAM LINCLON.

By the President—WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

THE SHODDY CANDIDATE.

The Hon. S. A. Purviance was appointed Attorney General by Gov. Curtin at the beginning of his Administration. After remaining in office a few months Mr. Purviance resigned, and in doing so he used the following significant language to the Governor:

"For reasons which appeal to my *self-respect* I cannot consent to continue any longer in connection with your administration. I, therefore, tender you my resignation of the office of Attorney General."

In commenting upon this action of Mr. Purviance, the Pittsburg *Chronicle*, a Black Republican journal, thus wrote:

"We are not informed yet what these reasons are; but *enough is known to state that they arise out of the alleged complicity of the Governor in those scandalous contract transactions through which the State has been swindled out of immense sums of money, and our brave volunteers subjected to a series of hardships and inconveniences which few but themselves would have the patience to tolerate.*"

THE ELECTION IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.—The election on Tuesday for city officers was conducted quietly and fairly throughout the city. The result, which we lay before our readers this morning, is gratifying to every Democrat. We did not expect to elect a single candidate in the city; all the Democracy of Wilmington expected to secure at this election was the priceless boon of a free ballot! This was accorded to us. *Five hundred and seventy six* men, who despise tyranny in any and every shape, went up to the ballot-boxes and deposited a ballot expressive of hatred of despotism.

The vote for the Democratic candidate for Mayor in 1862 was 273, now it is 569. Then Mr. Gilpin had 639 majority, now he has 256. Then the Democratic candidate for Assessor got 274 votes, and was beaten by a majority of 635; now he gets 576 votes and is beaten by a majority of 308.—*Wilmington Gazette, Sept.* 4.

MAJ. GEORGE W. WOODWARD.—Among the Washington news items in the New York *News* we notice the following:

"The camp of the Invalid Corps, at Meridian Hill, Washington, is under the command of Maj. George W. Woodward, the son of the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania. The corps now comprises nine thousand men. Major Woodward is engaged in forming them into regiments."

Major Woodward, although he has distinguished himself in several battles with the rebels, is nevertheless, like his distinguished father, considered a "Copperhead" by the Abolitionists.

THE MAINE ELECTION.—It appears, by telegraph, that the Abolitionists have carried Maine. No one expected anything else. Maine has been in possession of the niggerhead disunionists for many years, and it should be no great source of rejoicing to them that they still hold their own in that benighted State.

FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION.—The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Society of Eastern Pennsylvania, will be held at Bethlehem, on Tuesday, September 29th, 1863. A meeting of more than ordinary interest, and a fine exhibition of fruits, are expected.

City Affairs.

AT KEYSTONE HALL, TO-NIGHT! The Hon. HENRY CLAY DEAN, of Iowa, one of the most eloquent Orators of the present day, will, by invitation of the Democratic City Club, address the people of Reading this (Saturday) evening, in Keystone Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

☞ EPISCOPAL SERVICE AT THE COURT HOUSE.—Divine service will be held at the Court House, to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10 o'clock; also in the evening at 7½ o'clock. In the afternoon at St. Barnabas at 3 o'clock. Seats free at both places.

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

☞ "THE CALVINIST OR PRESBYTERIAN BRANCH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH," will be the subject of the second lecture of the course, at the Universalist Church next Sunday evening, the 20th inst.

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—A meeting of the Superintendents, Teachers, and friends of Sunday Schools, in the Western section of Berks county, will be held at Mount Zion, in Tulpehocon township, on Saturday, the 3d of October next, for the purpose of adopting measures for advancing the cause of Sunday School instruction generally.

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS.—The Union Sunday School of Blandon, in Maidencreek township, will have a celebration to-day, in the woods near Blandon.

The Leesport Sunday School will have a celebration today (Saturday) in Gernant's Woods, near that place. The public is cordially invited to participate. The Ringgold Band will be in attendance.

The Glen Dale Sunday School, of Alsace township, will hold a celebration to-morrow, (Sunday) the 20th inst., in the grove of Levi Bertolet, near the Zion Church, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M. Several clergymen are expected to deliver addresses, and the Muhlenberg Brass Band will be present.

The Sunday School of Schoolhouse No. 10, in Richmond township, will celebrate their anniversary to-morrow (Sunday) September 20th, in the grove of Benjamin Kline, near Solomon Ely's. Addresses will be delivered, and the Kutztown National Band will attend.

The Sunday School kept at Joseph Klopp's Schoolhouse, in North Heidelberg township, will hold their annual festival to-morrow (Sunday), Sept. 20th, in the grove of Daniel Lamm, near the Schoolhouse. There will be preaching morning and afternoon.

The Sunday School of St. Peter's Church, in Richmond township, will hold its first annual festival, on Saturday next, the 26th inst., in the woods near the Church. Addresses will be delivered in German and English, and the Kutztown National Brass Band will be in attendance.

The Berkley Sunday School, in Ontelaunee, will hold a celebration on Saturday next, the 26th inst., in Ricken bach's Woods, between Leesport and Berkley, about ¾ mile from the turnpike. English and German addresses will be delivered, and the Muhlenberg Band will attend.

The Maxatawny Sunday School will have its annual celebration on Sunday, the 27th inst., in Peter Keeser's woods near the Church.

The Richmond Sunday School will have a celebration on Sunday, the 4th of October, in the woods near the Moselem Church.

☞ WORK AT THE PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE.—Report of work done at the Provost Marshal's Office, from August 31st to September 19th, 1863, inclusive:

Number of substitutes accepted,	918
" Exempted for physical disability,	320
" Exempted for all other causes,	191
" Who applied for exemption and failed to receive it,	304
" Drafted men held for duty,	5
Total number examined,	1634
Exempted by payment of $300 commutation,	124
Grand total,	1158

☞ REBEL OFFICER DEAD.—We learn that Wm. G. Gill, a native of this city, and a graduate of West Point, who held a commission as First Lieutenant of Artillery in the U. S. Army at the breaking out of the Rebellion, which he abandoned to enter the service of the Southern Confederacy, died recently in the State of Georgia. He was about 35 years of ago.

☞ SUBSTITUTES DESERTED.—Last Saturday night, about 10 o'clock, three substitutes confined in the barracks at "Union Hall," in Seventh street, below Penn, succeeded in making their escape by breaking through the roof of the building and lowering themselves down into Cherry alley. The guard on duty at the time, knew nothing of their escape until they were out of the reach of pursuit. This affair occurred while the Provost Marshal was at his home in Birdsboro', suffering from a disabled arm.

☞ THE HON. SAMUEL BELL, who died in Philadelphia on Tuesday last, in the 66th year of his age, was a native of Reading, and for many years one of our most active and influential citizens. During the earlier part of his life, he carried on the mercantile business at the corner of Penn and Third street; and subsequently engaged largely in the coal trade of Schuylkill county. He took a lively interest in the welfare of his native town, and contributed liberally of his means in the establishment of the various industrial enterprises that have done so much to advance the material prosperity of our city. He was one of the Associate Judges of Berks county during the years 1851-52, and held other positions of honor and trust at different times, all of which were faithfully administered. In the Spring of 1861, he removed to Philadelphia. He was a kind-hearted and generous man, and in every relation of life, here an exemplary character. He leaves many old friends in Reading, who condole with his immediate relatives in the bereavement his death has occasioned.

The funeral of Mr. BELL took place yesterday noon, from the residence of Wm. M. Baird, Esq. His remains were interred in the Charles Evans Cemetery, of which he was from its foundation to the time of his removal from this city, a Director.

☞ CASUALTIES IN THE 104TH PENNA. REGIMENT.—A letter from a soldier of the 104th Penna. Volunteers, dated at Morris Island, S. C., September 7th, gives us the following list of casualties sustained by the Regiment in the bombardment of Fort Wagner and Battery Gregg, on the 5th inst. It will be seen that two Reading Volunteers, attached to Company H, (formerly Capt. Walter's) are among the wounded:

Killed.

Henry Butterweck, Company A.
William J. Shaddinger, Company A.

Wounded.

Corporal John P. Honsum (son of Daniel Honsum, of Reading) Company H, struck by a grape-shot in stomach. Now in hospital.
Charles Enochs, (cousin of Corp. Honsum) Company H, face, slight.
Isaac S. Fryling, Company A, breast and back.
Pearson A. Horn, Company A, hand and thigh.
Corp. Wm. Martindale, Company A, back.
William R. Naylor, Company A, knee and elbow.
Henry Swartley, Company A, shoulder.
Joshua Sperling, Company F, heel.
Silas Thomas, Company D, forehead.
John McCall, Company B, arm and side.

☞ QUADRUPLE ANNIVERSARY.—The Washington Hose Company celebrated the eighth anniversary of their organization, (Sept. 17th, 1855) together with the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, (Sept. 17th, 1787) and the Battle of Antietam, (Sept. 17th, 1862) on Thursday evening last, Sept. 17th, by a supper at the Mineral Spring. After doing full justice to the Ducks, Chickens, Waffles, Birds and other Delicacies, prepared in Mrs. Roland's best style, Capt. T. M. RICHARDS was called upon to preside. Speech, song and sentiment were the order of the evening. But one thought seemed to mar the evening festivities,—the absence of our former fellow-member, the lamented Capt. WM. H. ANDREWS, who, one year ago, gave his life a sacrifice for his country and the perpetuation of her free institutions. May the "Washington" one year hence add to their quadruple anniversary that of the fall of Charleston, and with its fall, the restoration of the Union.

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☞ SICKNESS IN DURELL'S BATTERY.—A letter from a member of Capt. Durell's Battery, dated September 5th, informs us that the Company is now at Covington, Kentucky, opposite Cincinnati. We regret to learn that there was much sickness among the men. Of ten men left in the hospital at Memphis, three had died. Seven deaths had occurred since leaving Vicksburg, viz: John Cooney, Beatty Price, Charles Fagely, Sergeant Irwin, Albert Kelder, Charles Riegling, and C. Burdan. Several who have been sick are now home on furlough.

☞ DEMOCRATIC CITY CLUB.—The special meeting of the Club, last Saturday evening, was very well attended. Michael P. Boyer, Esq., delivered the *fifth* regular Address of the series, which was a well-written production. His subject—"The Encroachments of Arbitrary Power"—was presented in a forcible and argumentative style, and elicited the attentive consideration of his hearers.

We again remind our Democratic fellow-citizens that the club-room is open every night, and well supplied with the leading Democratic daily and weekly Newspapers of the country, for the public accommodation.

☞ IN TOWN.—Capt. Frank P. Muhlenberg, of the 13th U. S. Infantry, who has recently passed through the fiery ordeal of the siege of Vicksburg, arrived at home on Wednesday, on a short leave of absence, to recruit his health, which has suffered materially by the fatigue and exposure to which his duties subjected him.

☞ ANOTHER VICTIM.—Charles A. Leopold, Esq., a member of the Bar of Berks county, died on Sunday last, at the residence of his father in Union township, of typhoid fever, contracted while in the service of the State during the late invasion, as a member of Company C, 42d Regiment State Militia. He had but recently finished his studies in the law office of the Hon. John Banks, and was admitted as a practitioner at our Bar, after an examination which did high credit to his intellectual abilities. He possessed, in an eminent degree, those social qualities which win the friendship and esteem of man, coupled with the more substantial qualities of the mind, which command confidence in professional life. He had a bright future before him, which has been suddenly cut off by the interposition of inscrutable Providence; and not only his immediate relatives, but many professional brethren and hosts of personal friends, are sincere mourners for his untimely departure. The funeral of Mr. LEOPOLD took place on Wednesday noon, at the residence of his father, near Unionville, and was attended by the members of the Military Company in which he served, and the members of the Bar, from this city.

☞ GARDNER & HEMMING'S CIRCUS.—This magnificent and truly excellent Equestrian Company, will exhibit in the city of Reading, on Monday, the 28th inst. This company appeared here last summer, and their entertainment gave the most infinite satisfaction. The Equestrians and Gymnasts are all celebrated in their respective roles, and we promise our readers an entertainment really worth their patronage. The entire management of this Colossal Equestrian Troupe is under the immediate supervision of the popular Clown and Punster, Dan Gardner. Dan is a host within himself, and his appearance in the ring is always the signal for uproarious mirth and laughter. Dan is just the man to please, and during the past 20 years has borne a reputation second to no living jester. We predict an immense success for Messrs. Gardner & Hemmings, and our advice to all our readers is, to attend on the 28th inst.

☞ KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.—William E. Wilson, Jr., conductor of a freight train on the Lebanon Valley Railroad, lost his life on Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock, by being caught and crushed between a car and the tank of the engine, while in the act of pushing some freight cars from a siding on to the main track. He lived about two hours after the accident, in great agony. He was a son of Mr. William E. Wilson, janitor of the Odd Fellows' Hall, and a young man of industrious habits and excellent character. His funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, corner of Spruce street and Carpenter alley.

☞ A FEW DAYS LONGER.—Mr. Rosendale, Optician and Oculist, will remain a few days longer, at his room, No. 6 South Fifth street, to supply such of our citizens as may yet need them, with his superior Spectacles and eye-glasses. The testimonials he has received, since he has been here, in favor of these glasses, are of the highest character, and prove that there can be none better for defective and failing eyesight.

☞ THE RINGGOLD CORNET BAND, of this city, were engaged to attend the Democratic Mass Meeting at Hamburg on Saturday last, and contributed not a little to the spirit and enthusiasm of the occasion, by their excellent music. Before retiring, on Saturday night, the Band treated a number of the staunch Democrats of Hamburg to a lively serenade. Among the persons thus favored, were Messrs. John F. Luburg, Mahlon F. Wolf, George Kalbach, William Siegfried and Frederick Ritter.

☞ THE NEW YORK STORE.—The proprietors of this popular establishment announce, in to-day's *Gazette*, the daily receipt of new Dry Goods purchased on the most advantageous terms by the senior partner, a resident of New York, who has been thirty years in the Dry Goods trade, and knows just how, when and where to buy cheap. All these goods are offered to retail customers here, at corresponding low prices.

☞ FOURTH WARD CLUB.—The Democrats of old North-East Ward held a spirited Club Meeting on Tuesday evening last, at the public house of Bernard Gorges, (McClellan House) in Poplar alley. Addresses were delivered by J. Lawrence Getz and Mr. P. Bloomfield, which were well received. The Hounds' ward is up and doing, and will tell a tale worth hearing on election day.

☞ SOLDIER DEAD.—In a list of Pennsylvania soldiers who died during the past month in the Hilton Head and Beaufort Hospitals, lately published, we find the name of Sergt. W. H. Wenrich, of Company B, (Capt. J. C. Shearer's) 55th Penna. Regiment. He died of wounds received in action.

☞ HARVEY BIRCH & BROTHER send us the New-York Illustrated Papers for next week, filled with pictures of the war, portraits of distinguished foreign officers, &c. They are also agents for the New-York and Philadelphia Dailies, and monthly Magazines.

☞ FIRE!—The barn and fat boiling establishment of John Stalber, were burned on Wednesday morning, and all their contents consumed. Among other things, a fine horse was burned.

☞ UNION PRISONERS IN RICHMOND.—The *Times* learns from a letter received from Richmond, that Capts. Teed and Mass, and Lieutenants Grant and Boone, now in the Libby Prison, are in good health and as comfortable as the circumstances will allow.

☞ AGAIN IN OPERATION.—The Wyomissing Woollen Mill, which has been idle for some time, went into operation again last Monday morning, with a fair prospect of a profitable run of business.

☞ AMOUNT OF COAL transported on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, during the week ending Thursday, September 17, 1863.

	Tons. Cwt.
From Port Carbon,	26,330 01
" Pottsville,	2,221 18
" Schuylkill Haven,	25,891 12
" Auburn,	5,050 10
" Port Clinton,	7,701 02
" Harrisburg,	5,332 08
Total for week	72,557 08
Previously this year,	2,356,609 17
TOTAL,	2,229,167 03
To same time last year,	1,896,174 02

READING LIBRARY COMPANY.

An adjourned annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Reading Library Company, was held at their rooms on Thursday, September 10th, 1863, Wm. M. BAIRD, Esq., in the Chair.

The Treasurer and Librarian, William H. Strickland, made his annual report, which was ordered to be published, and is as follows:

Treasurer and Librarian's Report.

To the Stockholders of the Reading Library Company.

The Treasurer and Librarian respectfully reports:

Receipts—From 92 Stockholders, $4 per annum, $368 00
" " annual subscribers, &c., 34 84
$402 84
Expenditures—By sundry orders, rent, &c., 166 39
Balance in Treasurer's hands, $236 45

Number of new books purchased during the year, 15
Total number of volumes owned by the Company, 2220
" " " taken out by members during year, 2264
Number of persons using the Library, 70

During the past year, the Library has been regularly opened for the use of members, on Wednesday evening, and Saturday afternoon and evening of each week, and, as exhibited by the above statement, the number of volumes used, almost equals the number owned by the Company.

The new Books purchased during the year, are in quantity far less than those of any preceding year, thereby causing much disappointment among those who avail themselves of the use of the Library, and the question is worthy of consideration whether some extra exertion is not necessary in this respect to maintain the interest of the Company.

The large number of young ladies and gentlemen who visit the rooms when opened, also suggests the propriety and advantage of increasing their interest in the Company, by rendering those visits more attractive. A few of the leading Magazines and other periodicals placed on the tables as soon as issued, and not allowed to be taken from the Library, would no doubt materially assist in accomplishing this object.

It is unnecessary to multiply suggestions on this subject. The moral and social advantages of the Company is apparent to all, and well worthy any exertion that may be made in its behalf.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
W. H. STRICKLAND, Treasurer and Librarian.

September 10th, 1863—Account of Wm. H. Strickland, Treasurer of Reading Library Company, audited, and found correct.
A. G. GREEN, } Auditors.
Z. T. GALT, }

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year:

President—WM. M. BAIRD.
Managers—E. J. Richards, Z. T. Galt, J. T. Valentine, Edward Wallace, John S. Richards, Henry Connard, Jr., A. P. Boas, G. F. Wells, A. G. Green and J. Knabb.
Treasurer & Librarian—Wm. H. Strickland.
Secretary—John E. Kaucher.
On motion, adjourned.

JOHN R. KAUCHER, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS.

The subscriber respectfully returns his warmest thanks to his friends and the Delegates in the late Democratic County Convention, for the very handsome support they gave him for the office of PROTHONOTARY. Although not sufficient to nominate, he has reason to feel gratified with the result, which placed him next to the highest candidate on each ballot; and he pledges himself to support the whole ticket, as nominated, with all his energy and influence. Three years hence, if his life is spared, he may be a candidate again for the same office, when he confidently hopes to become the nominee of the party.

GEORGE K. LEVAN.

Reading, September 19, 1863-1t

☞ PERSONS visiting the Pennsylvania State Fair, and desiring to purchase reliable Jewelry, Watches, or Silver-Ware, we recommend to go to Henry Harper, 520 Arch street, Philadelphia. Read his advertisement.

☞ REPORTS that Gen. Gillmore had offered his resignation to the President, and that Admiral Dahlgren was about to be removed, and Farragut placed in command of the fleet before Charleston, are current at Washington, but lack confirmation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Democratic Meeting in Union township.

THE DEMOCRATS OF UNION TOWNSHIP, and all favorable to the election of WOODWARD and LOWRIE, are requested to meet on Tuesday evening, September 22d, at 7 o'clock, at the house of Jacob Brunner, at Mount Airy, for the purpose of organizing a Democratic Township Club.

MANY DEMOCRATS.

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Kutztown Democratic Club.

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF KUTZTOWN and Maxatawny will meet on Thursday evening, September 24th, 1863, at the public house of Charles Katz. A full attendance of the members is requested. [sept 19-1t

Democratic Meeting in Cumru.

A MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB of Cumru township, will be held at the public house of John Gougler, in Gouglersville, on Saturday, September 26th, 1863, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. S. E. Ancona, Jesse G. Hawley, Esq., J. B. Fechtel, Esq., and others. All friends of WOODWARD, LOWRIE, the CONSTITUTION and UNION, are invited to attend. The CUMRU BRASS BAND will be present. [sep 19-1t

Democratic Club of Earl.

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF EARL TOWNSHIP, will meet on Saturday, the 26th of September, 1863, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the public house of Samuel Babb. All the Democrats of the township are invited to attend. By order of the President.

PHILIP S. MATHIAS, Secretary.

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AN EXCELLENT FARM AT PRIVATE SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS AT PRIVATE sale, the Farm upon which he now resides, in Union township, Berks county, about one mile from the river Schuylkill, containing about 50 acres of excellent Farm Land, in the best state of cultivation. The improvements consist of a good DWELLING HOUSE, Swiss Barn, and other out-buildings. Also, a thriving young Orchard. There is a never-failing supply of water on the premises. Persons wishing to view the property, can do so by calling on the subscriber.

SAMUEL RIGG.

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TAVERN STAND FOR SALE.

On Saturday, October 3d, 1863,

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE, ON THE premises, that large, well-known and valuable 2½ story TAVERN HOUSE, situate in the borough of Adamstown, Lancaster county, with an excellent lot of Meadow Land, containing 2 acres. Said house being engaged and supplied with rooms and other conveniences necessary for a tavern stand. A large kitchen is attached, a fountain with running water in front of the house, sufficient stabling for 20 horses, two TENANT HOUSES, Butcher-Shop, and other improvements on said lot. This tavern stand is well known as the

AMERICAN HOTEL,

has been kept as such for upwards of 30 years, and for a long time by Mr. Redcay. Any person acquainted with the house cannot fail but to recommend it some of the best country stands between Reading and Lancaster. The property will at any time bring more rent than the interest on the purchase money.

Terms will be reasonable, to suit the purchaser. Title and possession will be given on the first of April next. Sale at one o'clock, P. M. For further particulars, apply to

SAMUEL STYAR.

Adamstown, Lancaster co., Pa.

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