

Kerr, the candidate against Randall for the Speakership of the House at Washington, did not receive back pay, but turned it into the Treasury. He evidently has a better record than Samuel. The latter was a back-payer, spoke in favor of the Resumption act, voted for it, set up his Convention against it, got beat, and is now in a fair way of being laid on the shelf as candidate for Speaker.

George Shiras, Esq., is being quite prominently spoken of as the probable appointee to succeed Hon. Samuel E. Dimmick as Attorney General of the State. Those who know Mr. Shiras will readily appreciate the excellent character of this appointment, should it be made. He is possessed of fine legal ability, and is a gentleman of excellent qualities in every respect. His high standing at our Pittsburgh bar entitles him to the recognition proposed. We congratulate him.—Gazette.

The result in the election of Senators in this State was as follows: Philadelphia, George Handy Smith; Lancaster, John B. Warfel; Lebanon, Jacob G. Heilmann; Blair and Cambria, John A. Lemon; Beaver and Washington, Geo. V. Lawrence; Mercer and Lawrence, Fred. H. Braggins; Erie, Henry Butterfield—Republicans; and the following Democrats: Pike, Monroe and Carbon, Charlton Burnett; Lycoming, Montour, Columbia and Sullivan, Robert P. Allen; Clinton, Clearfield and Centre, Thomas J. Boyer; Cameron, Elk, Clarion and Forest, P. D. Thomas; and Fayette and Greene, James W. Hayes.

Chairman Hoyt, of the Republican State Executive Committee, has issued a congratulatory address, to the Republicans of Pennsylvania, on the success of the late election. It is full of very commendable enthusiasm over the result, and refers, in the following stirring language, to the contest next year: "Rejoicing as you do, remember that your victory is the fruit of organization, laborious and minute, and that without organization, your power is gone and your energies are useless. Stand by your guns, maintain your ranks, and hold yourselves in readiness for the final charge along the entire line, which shall result in the crowning triumph of your Centennial year, and which shall start you in the second century of National existence, under the auspicious rule of the great historical Republican party."

(Communicated.)

Uncle Joe and the Constable.

It is unnecessary to introduce to you, or your readers along the River, Uncle Joe Cameron, whose travels and adventures would make an interesting book. I merely wish enough room in your valuable paper to tell you of an adventure Uncle Joe had with a Constable:

In the fall of '63, Uncle Joe received an honorable discharge from the Union Army, on account of rheumatism. Having no family to look after, and no business in particular, he concluded to buy a small flat boat and start down the Ohio River from the vicinity of Cincinnati, for the purpose of hunting and fishing.

The day before starting, all things being ready, he came across an old acquaintance (who, by the way was a bitter copperhead) who immediately started a conversation in regard to the rebellion. After some hard talk, he called Uncle Joe a liar. This is a word that Uncle Joe never takes without resenting it, so he gave the happy a back-handed lick and laid him out. The vanquished debator started for a Justice's office, and Uncle Joe for the River, knowing very well what the consequences would be. He jumped into his skiff and crossed over to the Kentucky side, out of harm's way.

About midnight he concluded to return to his boat, and slip down the river. When he got over to the boat he noticed that the cabin door was open. Thinking that some one might be watching for him, he slipped up and listened; heard some tall snoring in the cabin; slips ashore and lets go the line, tows the craft out into the river, jumps aboard, and gives a yell.

Out comes Mr. Constable, and claps his hand on Uncle Joe's shoulder: "You are my prisoner." "I guess not." "You are my prisoner." "You had better look around and see where you are. I think you are out of your jurisdiction," said Uncle Joe.

"I command you to land this boat!" "Oh, no. Not for less than five dollars. When I ferry I have pay for it."

"I command you to land this boat," said the constable, at the same time putting his hand into his pocket.

"Don't you show anything out that pocket in the shape of iron, or I will make fish-bait of you," said Uncle Joe, picking up his boat hatchet.

The constable saw that Uncle Joe Joe "had him," so he proposed as a compromise that he would let the old man off, if he would set him ashore.

"I don't think you have any hold of me, but I have of you; so fork over the V, and I will set you ashore in Old Kentucky."

The constable saw that there was no alternative, so handed out the money, and was left on the Kentucky shore some five miles from home, about daylight. Uncle Joe went on his way rejoicing, with five dollars extra in his wallet, and the constable went back with that amount less in his possession, beside having to reflect over the neat way he was "caught in his own trap."

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