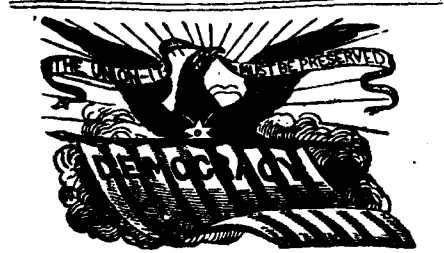


R. W. JONES, JAS. S. JENNINGS, Editors.



A sentiment not to be appalled, corrupted or compromised. It knows no weakness. Destructive only of despotism, it is the sole conservator of liberty, labor and property. It is the sentiment of Freedom, of equal rights, of equal obligations—the law of nature prevailing the law of the land.

WAYNESBURG, PA.

Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 1861.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- PRESIDENT JUDGE, JAMES LINDSEY, Esq., of Greene county. ASSOCIATE JUDGES, HON. JONATHAN GARRARD, of Greene township. COL. T. P. POLLOCK, of Morgan township. ASSEMBLY, P. DONLEY, Esq., of Perry township. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, R. A. MCCONNELL, Esq., of Marion township. SHERIFF, THOS. LUCAS, Esq., of Cumberland township. TREASURER, JOSEPH F. RANDOLPH, of Jefferson township. COMMISSIONER, DANIEL THROCKMORTON, of Franklin township. AUDITOR, THOMAS SCOTT, of Whately township. CORONER, JOHN BRADLEY, of Marion township.

NEW DRESS.

We present the "Messenger" to its patrons to-day in an elegant new dress; and we risk nothing in saying it now compares favorably in appearance and typographical execution with any of its contemporaries. Of its contents, we have only to say that we shall spare no efforts to render them interesting and instructive to old and young.

The time and labor required to perfect our improvements put it out of our power to issue a paper last week, but in the future our readers may expect no failures of this kind, "wind and weather" permitting.

JOB WORK.

We have fitted up a very fine Job Office over our Publication Rooms, and are prepared to execute at short notice and in first-rate style, every variety of Job Printing, including Hand-bills, Business cards, Circulars, Pamphlets, &c. Our friends will please bear in mind when they want anything in this line.

ENCOURAGING.

We are glad to say that we are making additions, every day, to our list of subscribers, and of the right kind, too—men who not only take the paper, but pay for it in advance. The conservative, independent, patriotic course of the "Messenger" is being heartily endorsed by thinking, sensible people, and we have no fears of being well and generously sustained. THE PEOPLE are with us.

Commencement Exercises of Waynesburg College.

The Baccalaureate Addresses of President MILLER to the Graduating Classes of this Institution were delivered on Sunday last, at the College Chapel, and were listened to with profound interest, by large and intelligent audiences. The sermon to the young men was among the very best efforts of the kind we have ever heard.—Scholarly and eloquent, abounding in practical wisdom and appropriate counsels, we trust the young men for whom it was specially designed will apply its valuable hints to the economy of their lives.

The Anthem with which the Sabbath evening exercises were introduced was executed in admirable style by Mr. Cowan and Miss FETTER, and the young ladies and gentlemen assisting them.

GEN. HOWELL'S REGIMENT.

We are glad to learn that Gen. HOWELL'S Regiment will soon be completed. Greene county will furnish two crack Companies for it, we understand,—the Waynesburg Company, under command of Capt. N. HAGER, and the Mount Morris Company, Capt. MORRIS.

A re-organization of the Waynesburg Company has taken place within the last few days, and the following are the present members of the corps: Captain—N. HAGER. Lieut.—Geo. GRAY. Sergeant—JAS. B. LINDSEY. Orderly—J. W. FREELAN.

A GENTLE HINT.

There is in this, as in most communities, a great many wiseacres and busy-bodies in other men's matters, who claim to have a much better understanding of our business and duties as an Editor, a Democrat and a patriot than we have ourselves. In several instances they have proffered us (graciously, too!) a great deal of what they regarded, no doubt, as very valuable advice. One or two have done it in a kindly and respectful manner, and have been heard with courteous attention, and due weight given what we cannot but believe were well-meant suggestions. Others, however, have put on an air of swaggering impertinence and dictation, and talked as though "wisdom would die with them." These latter have only excited our pity and contempt. Some of them would do well to cultivate the modesty becoming their years, and the politeness that is characteristic of all true gentlemen. To all such intermeddlers as these last named, we have to say, once for all, that we want none of their advice. When we need counsel, we seek it, and we seek it from men who know how to give it, and who have age, and sagacity and experience to commend them as safe and judicious counsellors.

We seek no newspaper or private quarrel with any man, but we know what is due from one gentleman to another, and we shall demand as well as accord it.

If we have ever been remarkable for anything, it has been for attending to our own business and leaving other people's alone.—In this respect, at least, we would be glad to see some of the individuals above referred to imitating our example.

We ask pardon of our readers for making any allusion in our columns to this matter. We do it, not because we regard some of the persons referred to as of the slightest earthly importance or their opinions as entitled to the least consideration, but because we want others who may feel like teaching us our duties, if there be any more such, to reserve their sage counsel until it is called for. We expect, with the help of Col. JENNINGS, to edit this paper to our own liking while it remains in our hands, and we shall edit it, too, just as well as we can. We shall swear in the words of no man, but shall, as heretofore, utter our own honest convictions on all subjects and on all occasions freely and fearlessly, and shall be answerable only to God and our country and our own consciences for what we say.

WHAT SECRETARY SEWARD THINKS OF NORTHERN DEMOCRATS.

"I know the Democracy of the North. I know them now in their waning strength. I do not know a possible disunion among them all. I believe they will be as faithful to the Union now as they were in by-gone days when their ranks were full and their challenge to the contest was always the war cry of victory."

That is the way the great leader of the Republican party talked of the Northern Democracy in one of his last Senatorial speeches, and he did them but simple justice. No better evidence could be asked or furnished of the devoted patriotism of Northern Democrats than is to be found in the fact that they are gathered in tens and hundreds of thousands, under the "starry flag," in defence of the Union and Government in this their day of peril. Democrats love this Government because it embodies the great Democratic ideas of popular equality, "freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of the person," and they will protect and defend it as well against domestic as foreign enemies. We are proud that the declaration of Mr. Seward that Northern Democrats were true to the Union has been so fully and gloriously verified since the breaking out of this Rebellion. After such overwhelming evidence as we have had of the attachment of the Democratic masses to the Government and the Union, their patriotism will only be questioned by those who are blinded by partizan prejudice are wilfully ignorant, or maliciously wicked and libellous.

THE CONCERT AT COLLEGE HALL. The "Soiree Musicale" of Miss FETTER'S Pupils came off, at College Hall, on Tuesday evening last, and was highly creditable to all the participants. The whole management and occasional performances of the accomplished Teacher herself, both vocal and instrumental, elicited warm and frequent marks of approval from the large audience in attendance.

With no disposition to be over-partial in our praises, or invidious in comparison, where all did so well, we must say we were delighted with Miss FETTER'S performance. She has a voice of great sweetness and cultivated taste. At the close of the regular performances Miss JENNIE HURD, the accomplished daughter of our good-natured brother SETH T. HURD, Esq., of the "Brownsville Clipper," having been discovered in the audience, responded to a general call, by concluding the evening's entertainment with the inimitable performance of two pieces on the Piano, the first exhibiting a scientific skill and grace in execution rarely witnessed, and the latter, "Harp of the Wild Winds," or "Storm at Sea," representing the escape of mariners from a sinking ship, in a thunder storm, was accompanied by her rich and highly cultivated voice, and performed in a style and with an expression which exceeded, in effect and musical descriptiveness, anything we had ever before witnessed. The storm was so perfectly represented that one could hear the pattering rain, the howling winds, the sharp claps and heavy roar of distant thunder, and almost see the black clouds and the vivid lightning's flash.—Miss HURD is a graduate of a celebrated musical Institution of New England, known as "Music Vale Seminary," under charge of Prof. Whitley, one of the great music-masters of the East, and author of the piece above mentioned. She is one of the finest pianists we have ever met, and distinctive justice on Tuesday evening to the Professor's most admirable composition.

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A KIND WORD FROM A DEMOCRATIC FRIEND.

The following excellent letter was not intended for publication; but it is so vigorously sensible, and breathes such a spirit of patriotic devotion to the Constitution and the Union, that we cannot withhold it from our readers. It is one of several of a similar character received by the Senior Editor, within the last few days, from old and steadfast Democrats in different portions of the county,—men of mature opinions and large patriotism, who think for themselves and have the manhood to utter their convictions. The author of this letter belongs to the hard-fisted yeomanry of the country, to whom, Jefferson teaches us, "we must look for the preservation of our liberties." In an interval of rest from his toils, our old friend has found time to say a word, first for the country of his love, and next for the "brave old party," as he aptly styles the Democracy, which has been a mighty bulwark to the Government for sixty years, extending our territories, our institutions and our laws from one extremity of the continent to the other, and laying, broad and deep, the foundations of our prosperity and greatness as a people. Could not this party of progress, this party of achievement, as well in peace as in war, this party which can furnish in the past such a glorious record of devotion to the interests and unity of the country, be very illy spared now, when the Union is trembling to its deepest foundations, when armed traitors, in formidable numbers, menace our very Capitol, and when the domestic and foreign policy of the country requires such wise and discreet adjustment and direction? Is not this, we say, a most inopportune time to disband a party whose counsels and measures have contributed more than any other cause to the up-building of our national greatness and to the preservation of the Union in times of peril from dissension and sectional strife? We opine it is, particularly when it is proposed to merge the party into an organization which has existed but for a day, and which originated in dangerous sectional prejudices and a pseudo philanthropy. The Republican party, as a political organization, like the extreme proslavery party of the South, is a failure; and the sooner both of these parties go into liquidation, the better for the country. They are both doomed, and they both know it. Hence the anxiety of our Republican friends to have plenty of company in their prospective misery, and hence their efforts to break up the Democratic party, which has always been national in its policy, and eminently conservative of the Union of the States.

But we are wandering from the letter we merely intended to introduce with a line. Here it is:—

Home, Sept. 13, 1861.

Dear Sir:—I am highly pleased with the tone and temper of the old "Messenger" since your connection with it. It has renewed life, and spirit, and pith, and is much improved in its mechanical execution. Its readers generally in this section are profuse in its praise, and heartily endorse the manly independence it manifests in support of the principles of the Democratic party, and in its loyalty to the Constitution and the Union. You have certainly marked out the only proper course to pursue in the present crisis—to stand by the Government in all Constitutional efforts to put down the great rebellion, and at the same time to stand faithfully and fearlessly by the principles and organization of the Democratic party—because it is alone through their ultimate triumph that we can ever hope for a restored Union, with all its wonted blessings of peace, prosperity, and general happiness. Then, my dear sir, as you value these inestimable blessings, and as you would answer to your posterity, your country and your God, for the maintenance, never, for a moment, relax your vigilance in their behalf. Let it be your first object to give a hearty and zealous support to the Administration of Mr. Lincoln, in its efforts to vindicate the honor and stability of the Government. But in doing this, bear constantly in mind your high obligations to the Democratic party. This brave old party has ever been the friend and advocate of the Union, in the most ardent and honest manner, and it cannot, therefore, be incompatible with your duty to the Government, to give it the benefit of your best efforts.

I see you are opening the Fall campaign. This is right, and certainly not prematurely commenced. The election is drawing near, when the people will have a Constitutional opportunity of condemning that Sectionalism whose triumph has involved our country in all the horrors of civil war, enormous taxation and general bankruptcy. Are the people awake to the importance of the occasion? If not, spare no pains or expense between this and the second Tuesday of October, in fully informing them of the momentous issues involved. Tell them fully and truthfully of all the acts of the late Pennsylvania Legislature, by which the State taxes are to be doubled—tell them that the tonnage tax which yielded an annual revenue of several hundred thousand dollars to the State was given away to a monstrous corporation without one cent to the State in return. Tell them these things were done by a Republican Legislature. Tell them of the outrageous frauds committed on the State and our brave soldiers by Governor Curtin, and some of his appointees in office. Tell them that the present war, with all its fearful evils, is the result of Northern Sectionalism. Tell them that war might have been avoided by an honorable compromise last winter, when the South were in favor of submitting the whole difficulty to a direct vote of the people, but the Republican majority in Congress have strictly true, and then if they do not perform their duties at the ballot box, the fault will be with them. This District must never endorse the corruptions of Curtin and the State Administration by the election of Vezec.

But I have run out this letter much beyond what I had intended, and must close. Yours truly,

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IS HE SOUND ON THE "GOOSE?"

We understand that James Lindsey, Esq., who is a candidate for the Bench in this District, made a speech a few days since at Clarksville, Greene co., and denounced President Lincoln for having violated the Constitution in his efforts to put down rebellion, &c. All that Mr. Lincoln did prior to the meeting of Congress was submitted to that body and almost unanimously approved. It is true, a few unwhig traitors such as Vallandigham, Bayard, Breckinridge & Co. voted in the negative, and have since been serenaded by the rebels of Baltimore and other places, but we can hardly think Mr. Lindsey is one of their admirers. His taking the same ground in opposition to the Administration at least throws around him just cause of suspicion. We have no patience with the small fry politicians who denounce the Administration for having transcended Constitutional authority to put down rebellion, but we have no words commendatory of Jeff. Davis and his confederates who have trampled the same Constitution under foot and are murdering all loyal citizens.

We clip the above article from the Uniontown Standard. In reply to it, we have to say that Mr. Lindsey has made no speech at "Clarksville, Greene county," nor in that immediate neighborhood, this summer nor for five years past, and our cotemporary has consequently been hoaxed or misinformed. Here at home, where Mr. Lindsey has had frequent opportunities of publicly defining his position, there is no misunderstanding him. He is unqualifiedly in favor of sustaining the Administration in all proper and constitutional efforts to put down rebellion. In his opinion the Union and Government are worth any sacrifice that their perpetuation may demand. Regarding the war "as a death-struggle for Constitutional Liberty and Law," and not as a war upon Southern institutions, he has given and will give it his cordial support, and so will the Democratic party generally in this county and throughout the North. They do not wish to be understood, however, as holding in the slightest degree, to the doctrines of the Republican party, or as having any sympathy with Northern Abolitionism. How far and how much the organization of a sectional party, with sectional aims and narrow policy, has contributed to the inauguration of this war, is matter for future discussion and settlement, and we may say distribution. But for the present there is no mistaking our duty as patriots and Democrats: it is clearly that of extending all the aid in our power to the constituted authorities in their efforts to maintain the integrity and authority of the government, holding them accountable for all dangerous abuse of power or malfeasance in office.

Will the "Standard" make the "amende honorable" to Mr. Lindsey?

Since penning the above, we have received the last No. of the Uniontown "Genius," containing the following caustic and pointed reply to the "Standard's" article:—

JAMES LINDSEY ESQ.

The Standard could not allow Mr. Lindsey to visit this place during Court week without indulging its propensity to revile, abuse, and misrepresent, making some false and base insinuations in regard to him, which in the same article they admit they "can hardly believe" themselves, and connecting his name with those whom they denominate as "unholy traitors." It has been but a very short time since the same paper boasted of Mr. Lindsey and his patriotism, and in effect admitted he would be elected.

Mr. Lindsey is not a neutral man, his opinions are well known, and his patriotism and loyalty have never been doubted, and would not be only by the most unscrupulous and unprincipled, and from the lowest and meanest motives.

It has been but a few days since a couple of our distinguished citizens returned from Washington and paid the highest tribute to Mr. Lindsey for the able and eloquent Union speech he made at the great Union meeting held there for the purpose of aiding Col. Howell in his efforts to raise a Regiment: the writer for the Standard must have known this, for one of their bosom friends was there and heard it, but it comes out with a pitiful "We understand" so and so: perhaps a little more of this kind of "honesty" would be the best thing the author of that article could have.

Mr. Veech who in his present position is a most vulnerable man has been permitted while in the employ of the State Administration to canvass in Greene, Washington and Fayette counties without interruption, or foul abuse, but the minute Mr. Lindsey shows his face in this county he must be assailed in this vulgar manner. The people will very soon vindicate him and rebuke his assailants.

WINTER CLOTHING FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

We find the following paragraph in the Republican, and transfer it to our columns in the hope that it may reach some who might not otherwise see it. The object is a most laudable one, and we confidently hope our lady readers will see to it that our brave boys are well furnished, with blankets and socks, for the rigors of winter. Miss COOK will give faithful attention to the patriotic duty she has undertaken of forwarding these indispensable articles to our gallant lads:—

SOCKS AND BLANKETS.—The women of our County should be patriotic enough to knit our soldiers' socks for the coming winter. All socks forwarded by ladies in this county to their loved ones in the army, and the money paid by the Government, will be drawn for the benefit of families of Volunteers suffering from bread. Patriotic ladies, if you cannot go to war, you can relieve the soldiers' wants, then let us see what townships will aid the most. A list of the donors shall be published in the Spring.

The First of the Season.

Our neighbor, Wm. A. PORTER, Esq., has just returned from the East, bringing with him a perfect avalanche of Dry Goods and Notions. Purchased at war prices, and selected with scrupulous care, the public may be assured their interests will be consulted by calling early and examining the stock, and supplying their wants. Mr. PORTER'S courtesy and integrity have secured him a large trade, and will retain it. Go and see his Goods.

We want some coal. Who will bring it?

A RESEMBLE CRITICISM.

We read brother COOK'S article in reply to our editorial on "Political Parsons" to our witty and discriminating friend HUB of the "Clipper," who listened to it with close attention, and remarked at its conclusion with his usual excellent sense and taste, "That, sir, is a very ingenious production: it matters little which end you begin at,—it reads with as much sense from one end as the other!"

After such a just judgment on brother COOK'S article, by one of his distinguished Republican co-laborers, we will be excused for making no reply to it.

Is There any Further Use for the Democratic Party?

Under this caption, the Chicago Times has an excellent article from a soldier in the Union Army, which we commend to the perusal of our readers and to the consideration of all reflecting men. Its reasoning is not only cogent, but irresistible:—

"The recent action of the Democratic Central Committee of New York and Ohio in refusing to form a coalition with the Republican Party in the State ticket, should meet with the cordial approval of every truly national Democrat throughout the country. There is an independence about their resolutions which has the ring of true patriotism, and they will, we trust, be followed up by the Democrats of every loyal State.

The miserable farce of "no party" is about played out, and it is time the people began to act accordingly. Every day we live convinces us that more than at any other time during the history of the country, there is a necessity for a thorough organization of our party. One year ago at this time we were engaged in a Presidential struggle, fighting on a platform which we then thought contained our political principles as nearly as they could be stated on paper—a platform which, if not so successful, we still think would have avoided all the amount of woe and carnage known and unknown, in which our country has since been plunged; and fighting for a candidate whom both we and our political enemies knew would never administer the Government on any other principles than were contained in that same Baltimore-Charleston platform.—What single event has taken place since then which should cause Democrats to ignore that platform and the memory of their great chief? Are not those principles ever before their eyes? Has not the Republic since that time been actually encompassed the country? Has not the triumph of the Republican party turned out precisely as our great statesmen years ago prophesied it would turn out?—Does any man in his senses suppose that a Democratic triumph would have been followed by any such result?

On the other hand, that single act has taken the Republican party to task for forsaking our time-honored party to unite our fortunes with theirs, even if it be only, as they say, temporarily?

In their platform, are their acts, their leaders, any less obnoxious to us than last year, when we were opposing them with all our power? Have they made a single acknowledgment? Have they recanted a single objectionable plank in their platform? Are not their leaders at this moment engaged in a most ultra policy of New England by proclaiming "this war will end in the extinction of slavery?"

If, as claimed by some milk-and-water journals, the Democratic party can unite at the present time with the Republicans, why could they not have done so last year? Why have had two candidates for President at all? Why have we run more than one man for Congress in any one district? Would it not have been much more consistent to have abandoned our party, and our platform, and our principles, than that to wait until our opponents, having partially succeeded, are now trying to bury their own corruption and misdeeds in the amalgamation of all parties?

It is time that the 1,300,000 Northern patriots who, by their vote last fall, gave evidence that they differ from the Administration now in power, gave some expression to their feelings. They have gone forth at the call of the President, to fight the battles of the country because they love their country, but, in so doing, God forbid that they should be understood as loving the Republican party or any of its antecedents. They are fighting to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and nothing more. Sectionalism is as damnable detestable in their eyes to-day as when the frenzied fanatics of the North and South first began to plot the destruction of the Republic. They have no desire whatever to interfere with slavery in any of the States. They are fighting side by side with the loyal citizens of Missouri, Maryland, Western Virginia and other border States, nearly all of whom are slaveholders, and all of whom look to the North to redeem the promise made by the Administration at the commencement of the war, to hold slavery in check, under no circumstances whatever, but to interfere with it in no way.

It is no answer to this question to say that the Democratic party in the Northern States is in the minority. One thing is certain, wherever the Republican party have a majority, they don't intend to offer us any substantial power, or to give us even a reasonable proportion of their State tickets; and what honor, what profit, what principle, can be gained by such an affiliation?

But we put our refusal to coalesce on a higher ground than this. 1,300,000 men, though in a minority ever so small, while acting on principle and from conscientious motives, are a power in the land which no majority can afford to disdain, and which will carry respect wherever it is known; a power which it never can attain by a possession of a few party offices, like Bank Commissioner or Comptroller.

To be a Democrat is to be a patriot, and, whenever his country's flag is in danger, it is his duty to fly to the rescue; nor does he stop to inquire who of his party nor how many shall be Major General, or whether he shall receive for his State so many Congressmen. No! The true Democrat is to be distinguished in readiness to do his duty, and to do it at all times to the best of his ability, and these having done the Republicans will not be deceived with the idea that he is serving them.—Whenever and wherever this war terminates—whether within a few months we succeed in crushing out the rebel forces, and planting the stars and stripes on every hill-top throughout the thirty-four States, or whether, on the other hand, after a long and bloody struggle, we are at last compelled to let the rebels go,—in either case, and at all events, the principles of Democracy must be sustained. That can only be done by keeping alive in its full strength and integrity the organization of the Democratic party."

Gen. Lyon's will gave all his property, some \$30,000, to the government. His labor, his possessions and his life have all been laid upon the altar of the country which he loved. No man can do more; and his name and memory is henceforth embalmed among the most precious of the nation's treasures.

The Premium list of the Jefferson Agricultural Society is unavoidably postponed until our next issue.

The Daily News of New York has given up the ghost.

Married.

On the 6th inst., by Rev. J. A. Ewing, Mr. JOHN H. PIPES, to Miss SARAH J. MC-NAY, both of Greene co., Pa.

The happy couple will be remembered for the generous supply of cake which came with the above. May they live a thousand years!

On Thursday morning last, by Rev. Wm. Campbell, Mr. MARSHALL KINGSLAND, of Addison, Vt., to Miss FANNIE M. daughter of Capt. JESSE HOOK, of Greene county, Pa.

The amiable bride has the thanks of the Printers for the bountiful supply of delicious cake accompanying the above announcement. She and her "guide man" have our best wishes for their long life, prosperity and posterity.

On Saturday evening last, by the same, Mr. REZIN SHAPE, to Miss BONICE, daughter of Mr. J. S. Condit, all of Greene co., Pa.

Died.

In Franklin township, September 11th, 1861, Mrs. ISABEL, wife of WILLIAM GRAHAM, aged 64 years, 4 months and 16 days.

At his residence in Greensboro, Greene co., Pa., on the 2nd inst., DANIEL BOUGHNER, in the 73rd year of his age.

Mr. Boughner was one of the earliest settlers of this county, and one of the first patrons of the "Messenger." He was highly esteemed, and leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintance to mourn his death.—[Errata Mess.]

On the 26th day of August, 1861, at the residence of Adam Wise, in Alleppo tp., of Dropsy, JAMES BENNINGTON, aged 93 years, 4 months and 7 days.

The deceased, was born in Frederick county, Md., and emigrated to Washington county, in this State, about fifty years ago. He has resided for the last eleven years in this county. The deceased has, for the last thirty years, been a consistent member of the Christian Church. He retained his faculties to a remarkable degree, up to, or near the time of his death, and has passed to this extreme age almost without sickness, till he was attacked with the disease of which he died.

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