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

WAYNESBURG, PA.

Wednesday, April 30, 1861.

WANTED, An Apprentice to the Printing Business at this office. Must be from 15 to 17 years of age, of good habits, quick and industrious. Apply soon.

Several of our Western subscribers have responded promptly, to our call for the amount due us on subscription; and we are looking anxiously for letters and remittances from all of them. Friends, do not delay. We have several heavy obligations to lift this month, and we are without the money to lift them. Lend us your help.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

The approach of the Democratic Primary Elections, which are to be held on the last Saturday of May, renders it proper that we should appeal to the party to put forward its best men for the various positions to be filled on the second Tuesday of October. Let the nominees come fully up to the Jeffersonian standard of honesty and capability, and let them strengthen, not weaken the party in this important crisis. Let them be men of energy, decision of character and steadfastness of principle,—men who are alike for the country and the party which has moulded her policy for a period of fifty years, and has bravely battled for the Constitutional government and the Union of the States through every peril and vicissitude of their history.

These are times of impressive interest, and of grave responsibility to men and parties. Treason is in arms at the South, while at the North it assumes the garb of Abolitionism, and opposes its heresies and intrigues to any reconstruction of the Union that does not wipe out slavery and strike down the rights of the States under the Constitution of our fathers. Bribery and corruption infest our halls of legislation, and thieving and speculation are the only accomplishments of an indefinite number of our government functionaries.—These evils must be corrected, and Abolitionism must be rebuked and effectually silenced, or there can be no permanent peace for the country. The remedy is with the people, and in the silent, but potent ballot; and the people must use it. In this country, and throughout the State and country, let men of known ability, integrity, and unquestioned political fidelity be brought forward for every post of importance and responsibility. Let us have men of grit and firmness, who will not be frightened out of right convictions by the threats and bluster of opponents, or flattered by their party attachments by the soft spoken palaver of the opposition.—Give us men of tried and thorough attachment to the Democratic faith, and loyal to the heart's core to the national cause. Democracy, as we understand it, and as it has illustrated its principles in the history of the country, is but the synonyme of patriotism; and no man who holds the Democratic faith in its purity will falter in devotion to the Constitution and the Union whether assailed by external enemies, Southern conspirators or Abolition plotters.

With good and true men as its standard-bearers, the Democratic party, for years to come, will be invincible. Let the people see that none but the competent and trustworthy are nominated.

REPUBLICAN ECONOMY. Jno. P. Hale, of New Hampshire, one of the leading Republican and Abolition members of the U. S. Senate, stated in a recent speech, that the list of employees of that body, and the amount of their compensation, had been doubled within the last few years, and very considerably increased recently, under the administration of the renegade FORNEY. So in every branch and department of the public service, the same reckless squandering of the public money exists. A mania for plunder and extravagant expenditure seems to have seized upon the incumbents of almost every civil and military position which gives access to the treasury. A few years of such stupendous swindling and wastefulness as have prevailed during the last few months would bankrupt the government and beggar the country. The people would soon correct the evil if they could reach it with their ballots, and they will reach it in the season.

DRY GOODS AT HOSKINSON'S. Mr. Geo. Hoskinson, the enterprising Dry Goods merchant, opposite the Court House, has just received his Spring and Summer assortment of everything new and desirable in the Dry Goods line, all of which he says he will sell at the very lowest cash prices. Persons wishing anything in his line would do well to call at Hoskinson's, as he is a clever fellow, and offers to sell so cheap, that you will buy in spite of yourself.

GEN. SHIELDS. This brave and accomplished officer has been nominated to a Major Generalship by the President.

GEN. JESSE LAZEAR.

This faithful and reliable public servant, at present representing the old district of Fayette, Washington and Greene in the Congress of the United States, has at last consented to become a candidate in the new district of Greene, Washington, Beaver and Lawrence, subject to the action of the Democratic party. The General is a great favorite with the Democracy of "Little Greene," as well on account of his private virtues and fine social qualities, as because of his consistent and unswerving devotion to the interests of his country and his party. His course in Congress has received the cordial endorsement of his constituents, and it is to gratify his friends, rather than any personal end or aspiration, he has agreed to accept the nomination for a second term. There is little doubt that the Democracy of the other counties of the district will cheerfully concur in his selection as our standard-bearer, and in that event we are confident not only that Little Greene will give him a largely increased majority, but that he will be triumphantly elected, if the party in the other counties do their whole duty, as they should, and as we doubt not they will.

STATE ELECTIONS. MINNESOTA.—St. Paul, the Capitol, has gone Democratic by 400 to 500 majority, sweeping the city offices clear of Republican rule. The Democratic Ticket was made up of excellent men, and the contest was fairly made between the two parties. The result is seen.

Winona has also been carried by the Democrats by a handsome majority.

Iowa.—Dubuque and Davenport, Iowa, have given the Republicans a terrible cleaning out.

New York.—The city of Albany, at the late charter election, gave the Democratic candidate for Mayor the thumping majority of 2,450!!!

The revolution in public sentiment on the nigger issue is quite as decided all over the North, and will soon restore the Constitutional Union Democracy to power.—The people are disgusted with the rule of fanatical, sectional politicians, and only await an opportunity to oust them from the places they have disgraced by their peevishness and villainy.

HON. SAM'L A. GILMORE. We notice, by the last "Genius of Liberty," that this gentleman, for many years the able and popular Judge of our Common Pleas Courts, is announced as a candidate for Congress in the District composed of the counties of Fayette, Westmoreland and Indiana, subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating election and conventions.

With no disposition to intermeddle in the affairs of a neighboring District, and certainly with no wish to disparage the claims or qualifications of his competitors, we must be allowed to bear our testimony to the ability, integrity and general and admirable fitness of Judge Gilmore for the distinguished position for which he is proposed. His thorough, life-long and radical Democratic convictions, his familiar acquaintance with the politics of the country, and his broad and hearty patriotism, would render him a valuable acquisition to the national councils in these times of trial and danger. We sincerely hope the next House of Representatives may be composed of men of the same intelligence and inflexible moral courage as Judge Gilmore.

A YOUNG FRIEND IN THE BATTLE OF PITTSBURGH LANDING. Below is a brief letter just received from Lieut. H. C. GAYEN, of the regular army. He belongs to the 15th Regiment of Infantry, Rosseau's Brigade and McCook's Division.

Lieut. GAYEN learned the printing business with the Senior Editor of the Messenger, and was one of the truest, bravest and best lads we ever had in our employ. No one can imagine now gratified we were, last summer, to hand him his commission as First Lieutenant in the regular service, which had been forwarded to him, through us, by the Secretary of War. We knew his pluck could be relied on, and the event proves it. The Lieutenant is a brother to Wm. E. GAYEN, Esq., of Waynesburg, at present Clerk in the Pension Office at Washington, and the letter reaches us through him.—

NEAR PITTSBURGH, TENN., April 9. DEAR BROTHER:—I presume you have heard before this of the battle that was fought here on the 6th and 7th inst. I was in it on the 7th. We were under fire seven hours. Our battalion stood, throughout the engagement, as stand the brave and free. Four of our officers were wounded,—my own in the first advance. It was a hard fought battle, and a great victory for our army. Particulars soon. I am well. Your Brother, H. C. GAYEN.

LIEUT. D. GRAY PURMAN.

The subjoined letter, just received from the chaplain of the 16th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers, conveys the gratifying intelligence that this gallant young officer was not killed (though dangerously wounded) in the terrible battle of Shiloh. Mr. Purman has been long and favorably known to most of our readers in Greene county, and they will rejoice to hear of his prospective recovery from his injuries.—His brother, A. A. PURMAN, Esq., started on Friday last to bring the Lieutenant home, and it is to be hoped he may be able to accomplish his purpose.—

SAVANNAH, TENN., April 24, 1862. MRS. D. GRAY PURMAN: At the request of your son, D. GRAY PURMAN, I act as his amanuensis. First, you will rejoice to know that he is still living, and hopes of life with him and his surgeon strengthen with the coming of each day. Of the active part he took in the bloody and manly fight he exhibited during the awful fight—he will yet live to tell. He won the praise of his officers in each succeeding struggle. This being all the paper I can command, I must be brief. I took extensive notes to write you, at his request, but will be obliged to fill them in future, if he does not write for himself.

He was wounded in the arm, and while stooping to have this bound up, a fragment of a shell, so thinks his surgeon, struck him on the back. The first feared his wound was inward as well as outward; but we now hope otherwise. Erysipelas has made its appearance on his face, but the physician holds it in check. I must close this hasty note to write to others.

L. S. LIVERMORE, Chaplain 16th Regt. Wis. Vol.

ADVANCE ON FREDERICKSBURG!!

Greene County Boys in a Brush with the Rebels. On Friday last the brigade of Gen. Anger, of Gen. McDowell's army corps of the Rappahannock, advanced to Fredericksburg. The Inquirer's correspondent gives an account of the engagement at that point:

When within two miles of Falmouth, opposite Fredericksburg, the advance guard of the brigade, consisting of a detachment of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry, Col. G. D. Bayard, together with a few men of the Harris Cavalry, of New York, while quietly following the road, was ensnared by the lies of a pretended Union man, into an engagement quite as serious in nature, as a breachwork of rails having been laid across the main highway, the cavalry found themselves surrounded for a short time by secess riflesmen, who poured into the little band of Union men a most deadly and destructive fire, killing and wounding many. Through the bravery of the men, and gallantry of the officers of Col. Bayard's Pennsylvania Cavalry, the command was finally extricated from its perilous position.

In the midst of the battle, and in darkness, Captain A. Davidson, Company F, of Greene county, Pennsylvania, was captured by a secess. Captain D. was temporarily placed under the care of another secess, but in the mean time the Captain demanded the unconditional surrender of his guardian angel, which secess finally agreed to.

In the heat of the engagement Col. Bayard had his horse shot from under him. This is a repetition of his Drainsville experience. At the latter place, however, the gallant Colonel was wounded in two places.

We cannot fail to call to the minds of Pennsylvanians that they have the best equipped, best drilled and best officered regiment of cavalry in the service. The march was made to Falmouth very rapidly. A dash was made by Col. Bayard to save the bridge leading to Fredericksburg, on the opposite side of the river, but as the Pennsylvania Cavalry entered the town the rebels had very urgent business on the opposite side of the river.

They burnt the bridge used by the citizens, and also the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad bridge, one mile below. The railroad to Richmond is being destroyed by the rebels.

Among the killed and wounded at the engagement were: Killed—Patrick Devlin and Michael Roody, Company F, First Pennsylvania Cavalry. Wounded—John H. Rhoads, left thigh; Thomas Morton, since dead; Thomas Martin, slightly. Wm. Griffith, shot in both arms; Nathaniel Conger, in the shoulder; Joel Black, leg broken by a ball; John R. Klink, hurt by a fall from a horse; P. McNamara, slightly wounded in the head.

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