



"A sentiment not to be spilled, corrupted or..."

WAYNESBURG, PA.

Wednesday, April 15, 1863.

"While the Army is fighting you, as citizens, see that the War is prosecuted for the preservation of the Union and Constitution..."

DEFERRED. We are compelled to defer till next week the proceedings of several Democratic meetings held in different portions of the county.

THE APPROACHING "UNION MEETING."

The "Republican" says we "ridicule the idea" of "Loyal Democrats" fraternizing with Disunion Abolitionists. So we do. It is both ridiculous and preposterous for Democrats who have always stood by the Union, and WILL NEVER CONSENT TO ITS DISSOLUTION, to unite in gatherings with a party whose leaders, almost to a man, declare themselves AGAINST THE UNION AS IT WAS, who almost invariably sanction the grossest violations of the Constitution, and who are against ANY UNION in which the States shall be co-equal in rights and sovereignty.

And we can never have any other Union. That was the Union our fathers gave us, and is the only Union we can perpetuate, as these madcaps and Abolition zealots will learn in due season in the foot's school. How Democrats who profess to believe that the entire Abolition policy of the Administration is wrong and calculated to embarrass the national cause, to divide the North and unite the South, if not to defeat all hopes of the restoration of the Union, how, we say, Democrats who profess to believe all this, can strike hands with men who believe and teach the reverse, is to us surpassing strange, indeed past finding out. "Can such things be, and overcome us like a summer cloud, without our special wonder?" Is it surprising that people should look with distrust and suspicion on men who claim to be Democrats and yet affiliate with the bitter and life-long enemies of the Democratic party? who aid and comfort them? who talk one way and vote another? who counsel and give tactics to the Abolition leaders, and consort with them at miscalled Union meetings? And all this, too, when their paper here at Waynesburg, its correspondents and the rank and file of the Abolitionist-Republican party do little else than traduce Democrats as "Traitors," "Secessionists" and "sympathizers with rebellion"? Is it matter of wonder, we say, that people should doubt the fidelity to the Democratic party of men who make such a record as that? and that they should question seriously whether they would not rather "reign in hell than serve in heaven"? Especially when they tamely kiss the hand that has been smiting them not less than other Democrats? Is it any wonder that such Democrats should be styled weak-kneed and weak-backed? and would it not be a good idea to grid and chaper them and put them to bed till these troublous times are past, and till the day comes (as it will in the fullness of time), when it is now among our enemies, to belong to the National Democracy? And what, pray, do these feeble gentlemen want us to do? Do they want us to approve every act and edict of the party in power? Do they want us to stifle every honest conviction? Do they want to muzzle the press and padlock every freeman's mouth?—What do they want, we ask, in requiring us to affiliate with a party whose doctrines in their very inception, and whose policy, in its practical development, have been in manifest antagonism to the harmony and unity of the country?

We have no personal grifts in this matter, or private animosities to gratify. We have no motive but the good of our country, and we believe it will be best served by adhering inflexibly to the principles and organization, and conservative policy of the Democratic party. AND WE SHALL STAND BY THAT PARTY WHILE IT STANDS BY THE COUNTRY, AS IT WILL TO THE END, AND AS IT HAS IN THE PAST. We want no better UNION PARTY, and there could be none more loyal to Constitutional liberty, or more consistent in its efforts to maintain the integrity of the country. Our duty is a plain one, no matter how doubtful the timid and faint-hearted few may be of others, and we shall discharge it fearlessly, regardless alike of the tasks and sacrifices it imposes. And we conjure all brave and true Democrats to do their duty in this emergency as well by their country as their party. Shriek from no exaction your love of the Government of your fathers may make of you, and be neither afraid nor ashamed to avow your attachment to the party of Jefferson and Jackson and Polk,—the party which built up the national prosperity, and would have consolidated and perpetuated the Union of the States without blood or strife, if its conservative counsels had prevailed.

We once more admonish our Democrat-

ic friends that this "Union League" movement is set on foot by Republicans and Abolition politicians, and for partisan and not patriotic objects; and these mis-called 'Union' meetings are gotten up to strengthen and bolster up the Republican party, and for no other purpose. They are only preparatory to the introduction of the "League," and only a step toward the Abolition camp. Allow no man to deceive you about them, or decoy you into them. Your UNIONISM needs no such sickly propping up as these gatherings would give it. The unity and well-being and glory of the country is the beginning and end of your political aims and faith, let demagogues and time-servers prate as they may to the contrary; and they dissemble when they affect to believe anything else.

PARTIZAN INTOLERANCE—PROSCRIPTION IN BUSINESS.

It is alleged, by persons who profess to know, that a cardinal feature of the policy of the "Union League" organization is to "refrain from all business transactions and intercourse with Democrats." However skeptical we might have been on first hearing an intimation of this being one of the purposes of this new and dangerous organization, recent disclosures convince us it is one of the chief means relied on, by the political bigots and adventurers who compose or control the "Leagues," to "crush out" opposition to the mad and suicidal policy of the Lincoln Administration. The Editor of a Democratic journal at Johnstown, Pa., and another brother of the quill in an adjoining county, both complain, in their last issues, of certain mercantile houses of Pittsburgh refusing them advertisements for the sole reason that they do not support the Administration!—Support it, of course, in all its schemes of negro Emancipation and Colonization, in its flagrant and habitual violations of the Constitution, in its assaults on the liberties of the people and the rights of the States, in its perverse disregard of the popular expressions at the polls, and in all the mistakes and follies it has made or committed!—And this is the quid pro quo Editors of Democratic journals are asked to render for the beggarly pittance of a five or ten dollar advertisement from houses which have been made rich by Democratic patronage!—Out upon such intolerance and impudencel! It is as disgraceful and inane as it is ungrateful.

Politics and business are essentially different things, and the attempt to make the latter subservient to the interests of the Republican party will prove a signal failure. In vulgar parlance, "it is a game two can play at;" and those who seek to propagate the heresies and improve the fortunes of Abolitionism by dictation and persecution of this character, will find they have made a blunder quite as damaging to their private interests as it must show itself disastrous, sooner or later, to the organization that inaugurates such a crusade on Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Opinion. The American people will never relinquish these sacred prerogatives at any cost or sacrifice, much less at the bidding or for the gratification of the narrow and vindictive partizans of an Administration that has abused the confidence and disappointed the hopes of the country, and violated every pledge under which it came into power.

We are glad to know that, despite the "League," its teachings and enjoinings, there are a great many Republicans in and out of our great cities who have no sympathy with the "odious and disgraceful proscriptio" of which we speak. The names of a number may be found in our own columns, and in the columns of other Democratic journals. They are liberal, fair-dealing, high-minded gentlemen, who stoop to no such disreputable means of proselyting to their faith and party, and who cheerfully accord to their opponents the right they claim for themselves, of being guided by their own reason, judgment and conscience in all matters of political concern. Let Democrats confine their dealings to men of this character and of their own household, until the bigots and demagogues who seek to proscribe them are taught a needed lesson.

W. T. H. PAULEY, ESQ.—A BASE FALSEHOOD NAILED.

Some suspicious and evil-disposed persons, enemies of this consistent and indefatigable Democrat, have industriously reported throughout the county that he advised Dr. Patton to vote as he did on the Tonnage Tax questions lately before the Legislature. We knew, when these reports first reached us, that they were utterly and absurdly false, but preferred awaiting a line from the Doctor on the subject before us, and effectually disposes of the reports we mention. It is as follows:—

"I have just been informed that it is reported that Mr. Pauley induced my vote on the Tonnage Tax. He never opened his lips to me on the subject."

We hope to hear no more of this stupid and ridiculous falsehood.

"A friend of ours says he has noticed one curious fact, that the so-called 'War Democrats' seldom go to the war. While they are exceedingly anxious that others should enter the service, they are careful to keep their own hides whole and their 'mugs' out of reach of rebel sharpshooters. Their patriotism is decidedly cheap, and expends itself in great swelling words and high-sounding professions of devotion to the national cause. They have very clear notions of the duty of others, but they never oceans to them that they ought to do anything else for the 'poor, dear, suffering country' than 'gas' about the 'Union' in Ethan Spike style."

The Democrats of Connecticut have gained 52 members of the Legislature.

A COMPLIMENT.

Everybody in Greene county knows Joe Porter, or ought to, for he is "a host" in more respects than one, and a perfect bundle of contradictions and eccentricities. With a heart as big as a Quaker barn, he is at the same time as abrupt and crusty as even a desolate old bachelor could well get or live;—will quarrel one moment and bury the scalping knife the next;—concedes the right of everybody to think for themselves, but at the same time expresses utter astonishment at their stubbornness in not coming over to his views;—hates Abolitionism and "will have none of it," declaims persistently against Emancipation and other follies of the Administration, but goes for "the Union to the death and last dollar," "nigger or no nigger, wet or dry, sink or swim." Notwithstanding all this and a great deal more, Joe is one of the best merchants in the county, a great favorite with all who really know him, and can sell more goods than a dozen "old fogies," or "slow coaches." One reason of this, he knows where to buy and how,—keeps up his assortment, and sells cheaper than anybody else. He has recently "opened up" on his "own hook," at the old stand of Wm. A. Porter, and has just returned from the East with one of the fullest and finest Stocks of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods and Notions ever brought to this market. Buyers throughout the county will find it a saving process to call and inspect his assortment before laying in their Spring and Summer supplies.

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"IN THIS COUNTRY ESPECIALLY, IT IS A HABIT NOT ONLY ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTITUTION, BUT EVEN ESSENTIAL TO ITS STABILITY, TO REGARD SEPARATELY THE DISTINCT AND SEPARATE PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, AND TO CANVASS THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE WITHOUT A THOUGHT OF DISLOYALTY TO THE OTHER."

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"We all have learned the history of St. Domingo, and it would be terrible to have a St. Domingo massacre re-enacted upon our soil. But the President has declared this a military necessity, and if blood must flow we must not dread the consequences. Blood must flow in this war. I speak it meaningly, and as a Christian, deliberately and calmly, that I would rather see every woman and child in the South perish, than that the Southern Confederacy should succeed in attaining the objects of its leaders." (Applause.) These are his words, not colored or garbled, but taken verbatim from a Republican organ. And it is with such men—false to their God, false to the Constitution, false to manhood—that Democrats are asked to fraternize in "Loyal Leagues!"

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This is one of the Indiana "Copperhead" resolutions; let every man compare it with the resolutions of the "Loyal Leagues!"

Resolved, That notwithstanding our want of confidence in the Administration, yet we hereby pledge ourselves to suppress the rebellion in the South and restore to the Government the proper and full exercise of its legitimate authority.

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PROCESSES OF THE TONNAGE TAX BILL.

The Tonnage Tax Bill passed by the House still remains in possession of the Finance Committee of the Senate, where it was referred when it came from the House. The Committee have not acted upon it, and will not report it at this stage of the session, unless compelled to do so by a vote of the Senate. It will probably be permitted to slumber in Committee. It is acceptable to neither side. The railroad interests do not want it, and the friends of the restoration of the tonnage duties on the Pennsylvania railroad have no special interest in urging its passage, regarding it as an expedient to defeat by indirection the passage of the bill originally before the House.—Chronicle.

SNAKE IN THE GRASS.

The correspondent of the Republican raves like a madman, chafes like a caged hyena, foams at the mouth like an enraged wild boar, storms like a coward and lies like a thief—but don't make a port.

Grover & Baker's Sewing MACHINES.

For the Messenger.

First class establishment, fitted up in the latest model, with every convenience for doing a Wholesale and Retail Trade. A large assortment, style and quality of HATS and CAPS kept constantly on hand, which will be sold at the very lowest prices.

New Hat & Cap Store—W. B. HARRIS, No. 123 Court Street, NEW HAT AND CAP HOUSE, and persons visiting the city, find it a style with every convenience for doing a Wholesale and Retail Trade.

Democratic Primary Election.

To be held on the last Saturday of May.

Terms of Announcing Candidates. Senator and Prothonotary, \$5.—Register and Recorder, \$10.—Commissioner, Treasurer and Assessor, \$10.—Auditor and Poor House Director \$20. To be paid in advance.

ASSEMBLY.

At the request of many friends in different portions of the County, I offer myself as a candidate for TREAURER, subject to the result of the Primary election, subject to the decision of the Democratic party on the 15th of May next.

PROTHONOTARY.

At the request of many friends in different portions of the County, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held on the 15th of May next. Should be your choice, and be elected, I promise to make you an attentive and faithful officer.

MESSENGER.—MRS. J. S. JENNINGS, [Name] for the office of Registrar, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held on the 15th of May next.

COMMISSIONER.

At the request of many of my friends in different portions of the County, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held on the 15th of May next.

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REGISTER & RECORDER.

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POOR HOUSE DIRECTOR.

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NOTICE TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF GREENE COUNTY.

IN pursuance of the 43d section of the School Law of 1858, you are hereby notified to meet in Convention at the Court House in Waynesburg, on the first Monday of May, A. D. 1863, being the 15th of May, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a Committee of five members to prepare a report on the state of the schools in the county for the year ending on the 31st of September, and to certify the result of the same to the State Superintendent, at Harrisburg, Pa. The said Convention shall be held at 10 o'clock in the morning, on the 15th of May, A. D. 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, and from day to day, for the purpose of making partition at valuation and assessment of the said real estate, as in the said writ required; at which time and place you can attend, if you think proper. THOS. LUCAS, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Waynesburg, April 11, 1863.

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