

THE AGITATOR.

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ONWARD AND UPWARD AND TRUE TO THE LINE.

The progress of the nation towards the highest human conceptions of freedom, is indecisively slow. One after the other the enslaved Commonwealths out of the crumbling ruin of slavery, and wheel into line with States now veteran in the warfare for universal man.

If the Revolutionary era was grand, this is more. It is sublime with the concentrated light of past history. The spectacle of a great people throwing off their chains, and then gathering strength to strike off the bonds of others, is not one that nations are permitted to gaze upon often in the space of a human life.

It is notable that the first State to wheel into line, was the first acquired slave territory under the Constitution—Louisiana. The second was Arkansas—also acquired under the Constitution. The third is Maryland—where the first example of perfect toleration was set.

Louisiana, Arkansas, Maryland, Missouri—shall not these be reckoned among the brightest jewels of the coronet of liberty? born into the heritage of true freedom in the midst of convulsions, and receiving the better baptism of blood and fire, they cannot be reckoned children by adoption, but rather by birth.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, April 9, 1864.

During the last ten days there have been two intensely exciting debates in either branch of Congress. In the Senate, the resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution has been exhaustively debated and passed by a vote of 38 to 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring), That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution, namely:

ARTICLE XIII. Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

On the other hand, Powell and Davis, of Kentucky, Saulsbury, of Delaware, and Hendricks, of Indiana, labored valiantly against the destruction of barbarism. Powell and Saulsbury were noisy and violent—both declaring that such an amendment of the Constitution would destroy the last vestige of liberty in this country.

Senator Bucklew, with his olden shrewdness, "stepped out" of the chamber about half an hour before the final vote was taken, and did not appear to put himself on record. Of the lot he was the wisest. Better to dodge than to be guilty of an act which the historian will name infamous.

Now the resolution alluded to proposes—what? To amend the Constitution? No! To abolish slavery arbitrarily? No! It simply proposes to submit to the Legislatures of the several States, a proposition to amend the organic law as to make human bondage forever impossible in the republic.

It is thought that the resolution will pass the House by the required two-thirds majority. The sky lightens and the night of trouble begins to shrink away. God grant that the year 1864 may be remembered among years as the season when justice found a lodgment in the high places of the land.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1864.

Saturday, April 9th, was a great day in the House. Copperheadism seems to have pitched upon that day as a fitting season to show its teeth and claws; and, thank Heaven, patriotism stood up to the fight undismayed.

Long, of Ohio, sought to earn notoriety, (which is the highest conception of fame common to most men of his faction,) by declaring himself in full sympathy with the Government of Jeff. Davis. He openly declared that sooner than prosecute this war, he was for recognizing the so-called "Confederacy."

Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, moved a resolution of censure, declaring Mr. Harris an unworthy member of the House. This resolution passed by a vote of 92 to 18. This, to an honorable man, would have been equivalent to expulsion.

The question now seems to be—Can a man perform, all and singular, the duties of a member of Congress, after having been declared unfit to act as a member? I suppose Mr. Harris may have heard of the conclusion of the man who was pitched out of a second story window.

So Mr. Harris may conclude that he is one too many in the House, upon due reflection. But it is by no means certain that he will so conclude. These Copperheads are the most tenacious of all creatures, when they get hold of an office that pays. It will be recollected that the Democracy rushed into rebellion when they were dispossessed of the patronage of the Government.

The debate on the resolution to expel Long was put over until Monday. I will give the upshot of the matter in my next letter.

A steamer which passed Fort Pillow on Friday evening, brings news that the fort is in ruins, but nothing could be seen to indicate that the enemy were there.

WAR NEWS.

Dispatches from Gen. Sherman confirm the stories of Rebel barbarity at Fort Pillow. There were five negro soldiers buried alive; one, although wounded, was compelled to assist in digging the pit, and was then thrown in and covered up. Our loss was 53 white soldiers killed and 100 wounded, and 300 black soldiers butchered after they had surrendered.

On Friday a body of Rebel cavalry made an attack on our pickets at Bristow Station, killing one man and wounding two others of the 13th Pennsylvania regiment. They were driven off, after a few shots had been exchanged, but carried their wounded with them.

A dispatch from St. Louis says it is reported that on Friday afternoon the Rebels, who were 800 strong, appeared before Paducah, sent in another flag of truce, and again demanded the surrender of the fort. Col. Mitchell, with the 24th Illinois regiment and other troops, was marching out of the fort to meet the Rebels as the steamer left, but no fighting had taken place up to that time.

A Chattanooga dispatch says that a Rebel Lieutenant and 52 non-commissioned officers and privates came into our lines on Friday night. They say that Hardee's corps has been sent away from Dalton, and it is believed has gone to Virginia.

The notorious Rebel guerrilla Reynolds and his command were surprised somewhere near Knoxville; 10 were killed, and 15 others, including Reynolds, were captured.

SANITARY COMMISSION.

SPRING MILLS, Allegheny Co., N. Y.

March 2, 1864.

Dear Mrs. Dr. B.:—I'm just back from fathers' and ho me with me. He this evening tells me you talk of starting a society to aid either the Sanitary or Christian Commission. If I can do or say anything to get you in favor of the Christian Commission, I want to do it.

Now, how do the Sanitary Commission use their goods in warehouses? I know that thousands of sick and wounded boys lay actually suffering for these delicacies stored with the Sanitary Commission, just because of the "Red tape" used to get them out.

How was it with the battle stained soldier bleeding for his country? I saw him refused passage on a "hospital boat," just because his pass was not signed by all the routine of commanders, from Captain to Major General, and Assistant Provost Marshal, and Gen. Patrick, P. M. General, and finally the representatives of the Sanitary Commission, though he did carry a pass in the shape of an arm off the elbow.

I know of a Captain shot in the left leg, (flesh wound,) right leg shattered by a rifle ball, and a canister shot in his left hand. He was turned off with a bayonet, begging for a passage, or even a resting place in the shade on the boat, but no, the Sanitary Commission turned him away, and he died in the hot sun at Aquia Creek, while Hooker's guns were booming at the Rebels.

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IN pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court for the county of Tioga, the undersigned Administrator of the estate of DAVID TAYLOR, dec'd, will expose to public sale on the premises on the 11th day of May, 1864, at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, situate in Deerfield township, to wit:

HEMLOCK BARK WANTED! 3000 CORDS—FOUR DOLLARS per cord will be paid for this year's peeling, delivered at either of the two Tanyards near Tioga, Pa. Tioga, Apr. 13, 1864—B.

CASH paid for ONION SETTS at ROY'S DRUG STORE. AN Assortment of TABLE GLASSWARE will be found at ROY'S DRUG STORE.

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North Carolina, paying all of his expenses from Maine and back, and while there. I have a friend, H. Clay Weaver, in the employ of the Sanitary Commission, at \$75 per month.

With these facts and statements before you, "choose ye this day whom ye will serve." If you read this to others, it may wound the feelings of some, but I can't help it; I have told you the truth, nothing more.

THE NINTH ARMY CORPS. The Knoxville correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial pays the following compliment to an eastern body of men, Burnside's Ninth Army Corps, which is now assembling at Annapolis:

A few words of parting to the little remnant of the Ninth Corps. These iron men, who now march few and sparse as the travellers on the distant end of the Bridge of Mirrah, have driven home their good bayonets on some battlefield in every principal department of the Union but one—the Gulf.

When they were not fighting, they marched—marched that they might fight again. Their reputation for both is spread throughout the entire army. To give in detail an account of the battles and marches innumerable they have made, would be to compose a respectable history, which would be premature, but no one, certainly, will fail to have heard of some field where the Ninth Corps performed a specimen of its superb work.

When the regular time came to fall back, and the Rebel cavalry were hurrying the rear, there the Ninth Corps must march, and protect the column. Still it was but natural that this should be so, since the Corps was very small, perfectly cemented into unity, wieldy, and every man a veteran. Of late, though the rule seems to have been varied from in consequence of their extreme paucity, the Ninth Corps has never yet received its full meed of honor for the magnificent part it bore in the defence of this place last Fall.

When they had discovered by their ruinous trial that they were deceived, their curses, of course, were infinite, and they protested with bitterness that they never would have attacked the fort, knowing it to be manned by the men they found there. The Corps leaves the Department with the regard and best wishes of their comrades in arms. They are going East to be recruited to something near the just proportion of a Corps.

HUGH YOUNG, BOOKSELLER & STATIONER, AND DEALER IN American Clocks, American, English, and Swiss Watches, Jewelry, Silver Plated Ware, Spectacles, Frames, Geographic Globes, Stereoscopes, Microscopes, Portmanteaux, Trunk Locks, Fishing Tackle and Files, and Fancy Toilet Articles.

SCHOOL BOOKS of every kind used in the County, constantly on hand and sent by mail or otherwise, to order.

NO. 5, UNION BLOCK, WELLSBORO, PA. Wellsboro, April 20, 1864.

New Millinery Goods. MRS. A. J. SOFFEL desires to call the attention of the Ladies of Wellsboro and vicinity, to her New Stock of Spring Millinery Goods, consisting of the latest styles of Bonnets, Hats, Head Dresses, Caps, &c., and a variety of French Flowers, Shell and Straw Ornaments, the latest notions, the way of Trimmings, Infant's Hats and Caps, Old Ladies' Dress Caps, Grenadine Veils of the newest shades.

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TIOGA CO. COURT PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Hon. Robert G. White, President Judge for the 4th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and Royal Wheeler and Victor Cass, Associate Judges in Tioga county, have issued their precept, bearing date the 6th day of Feb. 1864, and do me directed, for the holding of Orphan's Court, Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer, at Wellsboro, for the County of Tioga, on the 5th Monday of May (being the 30th day,) 1864, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given, to the Corner, Justices of the Peace, and Constables in and for the county of Tioga, to appear in their own proper persons, with their records, inquisitions, examinations and remembrances, to do the duties which their offices and in their behalf appertain to be done, and all witnesses and other persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons, are required to be then and there attending, and not to depart at their peril. Jurors are requested to be present in their attendance at the appointed time, agreeably to notice.

Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's Office, in Wellsboro, the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four. H. STOWELL, Jr., Sheriff.

APPLICATION IN DIVORCE. To Phoebe J. Rice: You are hereby notified that Austin D. Rice, your husband, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 30th day of May next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for hearing the said Austin D. Rice, in the premises, at which time and place you can attend if you think proper.

APPLICATION IN DIVORCE. To Harriet C. Hamner: You are hereby notified that Lewis B. Hamner, your husband, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 30th day of May next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for hearing the said Lewis B. Hamner in the premises, at which time and place you can attend if you think proper.

APPLICATION IN DIVORCE. Lucy Copp, To William Copp: You are hereby notified that Lucy Copp, your wife, by her next friend, John Miller, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 30th day of May next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for hearing the said Lucy Copp in the premises, at which time and place you can attend if you think proper.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the subscriber on the estate of Dr. Harvey Leach, late of Chatham, deceased, notice is hereby given to those indebted to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them properly authenticated for settlement to DANIEL MACK, Wellsboro, April 13, 1864—Adm'r.

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HORSE SHOEING AND OFF HAND BLACKSMITHING. THE undersigned being grateful to his former customers for their liberal patronage and prompt payment, wishes to inform them and the public in Sullivan and vicinity, that he has just purchased a good stock of Iron and Material, also that all kinds of common work, such as Horseshoeing, will be done at Ellis's Shop, in Mansburg, on short notice, and as cheap for cash as at any shop in the county. These wishes to save time and money will find it profitable to call on Ellis. Also a good article of TAR sold in Mansburg, by JOHN A. ELLIS, Mansburg, April 13, 1864—2m.

REMOVAL. MISS PAULINE SMITH has removed to the house (late the residence of Chas. Williams,) opposite the United States Hotel. I wish to inform my customers that I have just received my

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS, and can be found at the above place, ready to do work in the best manner for all who may favor me with a call. Wellsboro, April 13, 1864—PAULINE SMITH.

I have started a Millinery Shop at Mansburg, to which I invite the attention of people in that section of the County. It will be under the management of Miss Ellen Green.

FOR SALE. A SUPERIOR MELODEON—has been in use some four or five years, and is about as good as new, can be examined at my house, and will be sold at a bargain. Also several kinds of second hand Furniture—such as CHAIRS, TABLES, &c. Call on me at my house, any time within the next two weeks. B. B. SMITH, Wellsboro, April 13, 1864.

IMPORTANT TO MARRIED LADIES! TRULY A BLESSING! I will send, free of charge, to any Lady who will send in her name and address, directions how to prevent the extreme pain of Childbirth; also how to have perfectly healthy and beautiful Children; also one other new and important secret, the only sure and safe remedies ever discovered.

My object in making the above offer is to induce every lady to test my remedies. Address MADAM DUBREUILLE, M. D., March 2, 1864—3m. 787 Broadway, N. Y. City.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Auditor to distribute the fund arising from the real estate of A. S. Brewster, among the lien creditors, will attend to the duties of his appointment in his office, in Wellsboro, on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1864, at 1 o'clock, P. M. of said day, before whom all persons having claims upon said fund are required to produce and substantiate the same.

JNO. N. BACHE, Auditor. April 6, 1864.

TO NERVOUS SUFFERERS OF BOTH SEXES. A Reverend gentleman having been restored to health in a few days, after undergoing all the usual and other, who suffer from Nervous Debility, Early Decay, and their kindred ailments—supplying the means of self-cure. By one who has cured himself after being a victim of misplaced confidence in medical humbug and quackery. By enclosing a post-paid directed envelope, single copies may be had of the author, NATHANIEL MAYNARD, Esq., Bedford, Kings county, New York. June 1, 1863—1y.

NOTICE. THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Mansfield Classical Seminary and State Normal School of the 5th District of Pennsylvania, will be held in the Seminary, at Mansfield, on Monday, the 24 day of May, 1864, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. HOLMES, Secretary. Mansfield, April 13, 1864.

THE CONFESSIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF A NERVOUS INVALID. Published for the benefit and as a caution to young men, and others, who suffer from Nervous Debility, Early Decay, and their kindred ailments—supplying the means of self-cure. By one who has cured himself after being a victim of misplaced confidence in medical humbug and quackery. By enclosing a post-paid directed envelope, single copies may be had of the author, NATHANIEL MAYNARD, Esq., Bedford, Kings county, New York. June 1, 1863—1y.

CIDER VINEGAR at ROY'S DRUG STORE. SULPHITE OF LIME for preserving CIDER, at ROY'S DRUG STORE. FINEST CHIMNEY, extra quality for Kerosene Lamps, just received. ROY'S DRUG STORE.