

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. COBB, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. WELLSBOROUGH, PENN'A. WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1864.

AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

There seems to be a dangerous tendency to overlook means by which desired ends may be gained, as well now as when the machinery of our State governments was put in motion.

The object of our system of government is, to so educate the masses of mankind that they shall be fitted for self-government. It is an error to presume that all men are at present advanced to that condition where self-government is possible.

It is understood, by common consent, that the integrity of our government depends upon the intelligence of the masses. Men, to govern wisely and well, must be possessed of the means of investigation into, and application of, the principles of government.

We have many times during our connection with this paper, and especially during the first years of its existence, urged the necessity for the fixing of some standard of qualification to govern in bestowing the right of suffrage.

Now, as then, we advocate one certain standard of qualification, which shall take precedence of those other and minor qualifications relating to residence and tax-paying.

But if the integrity of our institutions depends upon the intelligence of the masses, then it is plain, and so plain that no man's better judgment can avoid the conclusion—that the standard to be established must relate to the elevation of the people in the scale of intelligence.

The effect of this standard would be twofold. It would, first—be an incentive to the obtaining of an education, which, in this land of school privileges, is within reach of the humblest.

It would have a third, and likewise beneficial, effect. The question relative to admitting freedmen to the right of suffrage, would be summarily disposed of. Few, if any, of them, could vote for years, under such a standard of qualification.

This, in brief, the view we take of the subject of suffrage. The standard may be so fixed as that no man past thirty-five shall be disfranchised.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, May 7, 1864.

Mention was made in a former letter, or article, I forget which, of the formation of an association of the loyal women of Washington, having for its object the discouragement of the importation of foreign dress fabrics.

I would not say one word to cast discredit or ridicule upon a gathering called for so good an object. But it is proper for the people to know that there is a great deal of nonsense in men's and women's heads, even in the midst of so stern and practical an age as this.

It must be said, then, that a certain class of fashionable women, and women of standing because of the high position of their husbands, had proposed to monopolize all the glory of the movement. They went there headed by Mrs. Stephens, the novelist, (and whose novels are to classic fiction what shoddy is to good cloth), with the entire matter cut and dried, and committed to paper.

The pledge was then presented, and such a pledge! What, then you, was the immense sacrifice these fashionables proposed to lay upon their country's altar? This—and no more: "For three years, or during the war, from and after the 4th of July next, we pledge ourselves not to purchase any article of apparel made in foreign countries, save where the articles cannot be procured of American manufacture."

This was hastily put to vote, and received, say three "ayes," and one forcible "no." The chairman said that the pledge was adopted by an unanimous vote, save one "no," which he presumed was given in mischief.

Mrs. Barker, of Massachusetts, arose and declared that she voted "no," in solemn earnest. That such a pledge was good for nothing, and left a loophole for every fashionable woman to creep out of. She moved to reconsider and open the pledge to amendment.

The wrath of the namby-pamby reformers was great. They stuck up their noses, and tossed their heads in disdain, and almost treated the women I have named with positive rudeness.

Remember—the country will look at the officers of this national association as the pioneers in the work. I have written this account that the credit may be given where it is due—to Mrs. Barker, sister of Hon. Wm. Whiting, Solicitor of the War Department, Mrs. Nichols, of Kansas, Mrs. E. C. Stanton, of New York, and Mrs. Armstrong, of Kansas.

It does not need the bulletins and the clamorous news-boys with their extra Chronicles, Stars, and Republicans, to admonish us of the heavy and bloody work going on in the front. Long ambulance trains, going at the snail's pace through the streets in the direction of the many hospitals, are more suggestive than ought else of the stern realities of war.

Captain Mack, Co. E, 1st Rifles, is reported wounded, but he is not yet arrived, if it be true. None of the regiments in which our boys are serving have been very hotly engaged yet.

The undersigned is agent for the sale of the celebrated Rochester Trout Flies. Also for sale Rochester Fly Rods, Kinsey Hooks, on Snells, Reels, Fly Books, N. York Trout Flies, bridled silk lines, twine and sea grass, do, trout baskets, leaders, &c.

A bulky document of some hundreds of printed pages. The bank bill has gone through the Senate much amended, and will have to be brooded in a conference before it becomes a law.

ELMIRA COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—Prof. A. J. Warner, lately of Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College Albany, and Prof. E. W. Smith, teacher of Penmanship with the late Prof. Cauldwell in the Elmira College, have become proprietors of the Elmira Commercial College, and have refitted the rooms for the present summer use with appropriate and adequate furniture, intending to introduce a more extended and systematic course of instruction, embracing all the valuable features of the colleges of this class now so popular and useful in the larger cities.

It is believed that no securities offer so great inducements to lenders as the various descriptions of U. S. Bonds. In all other forms of indebtedness, the faith or ability of private parties, or stock companies, or separate communities only, is pledged for payment, while for the debts of the United States the whole property of the country is hoiden to secure the payment of both principal and interest in coin.

These Bonds may be subscribed for in sums from \$50 up to any magnitude, on the same terms, and are thus made equally available to the smallest lender and the largest capitalist. They can be converted into money at any moment, and the holder will have the benefit of the interest.

It may be useful to state in this connection that the total Funded Debt of the United States on which interest is payable in gold, on the 31 day of March, 1864, was \$765,965,000. The interest on this debt for the coming fiscal year will be \$45,937,125, while the customs revenue in gold for the current fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1864, has been so far at the rate of over \$100,000,000 per annum.

LIQUOR IN THE ARMY.—General Howard made the following sensible remarks as to liquors in the army, in a late speech: "I did not drink at college, I did not drink at West Point; but when I got into the army I found it was all the fashion. If you went into an officer's quarters the first thing was to offer you something to drink. It was thought you did not treat him with proper respect if you did not. I fell into the habit. I drank whiskey and offered it to others. When I was stationed at Florida, I once offered whiskey to an officer, and he declined. I urged him to drink, and he drank. A short time after I attended him in the horrors of delirium tremens, and I made up my mind that it was wicked, and that I would never do it again; and I have not. I don't keep it in my quarters or my tent. I do not offer it to any officer or to any man, and I will not. I know it is a hard stand to take, especially for a young officer; but I can say from my own experience that it will pay."

WHY HIS SOLDIERS LOVE HIM.—The New Haven Journal a few weeks since published the following: General Burdette was a passenger from New York on the mail train last night en route for Providence. While enjoying his Havana in the baggage car, conductor Hoyt introduced the General to a breakman named William Hickney, a former member of Company E, Twenty-seventh-G. V. The two sat and smoked, fought over the battle of Fredericksburg again, and appeared to enjoy their mutual acquaintance "muchly."

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United States 10-40 Bonds.

THESE BONDS are issued under the act of Congress of March 8th, 1864, which provides that all bonds issued under this act shall be EXEMPT FROM TAXATION by or under any State or municipal authority. Subscriptions to these bonds are received in United States notes or notes of National Banks. They are TO BE REDEEMED IN COIN, at the pleasure of the Government, at any period not less than ten years from their date, and until their redemption FIVE PER CENT INTEREST WILL BE PAID IN COIN, on bonds of not over one hundred dollars annually, and on all other bonds semi-annually. The interest is payable on the first days of March and September in each year.

Subscribers will receive either registered or coupon bonds, as they may prefer. Registered bonds are recorded on the books of the United States Treasurer, and can be transferred only on the owner's order.—Coupon bonds are payable to bearer, and are more convenient for commercial uses.

Subscribers to this loan will have the option of having their bonds draw interest from March 1st, by paying the accrued interest in coin—or in United States notes, or the notes of National Banks, adding fifty per cent. for premium, or receive them drawing interest from the date of subscription and deposit. As these bonds are

Exempt from Municipal or State Taxation, their value is increased from one to three per cent. per annum, according to the rate of tax levies in various parts of the country.

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INSTRUCTIONS to the National Banks acting as loan agents were not issued from the United States Treasury until March 26, but in the first three weeks of April the subscriptions averaged more than TEN MILLIONS A WEEK.

Subscriptions will be received by all NATIONAL BANKS which are depositaries of Public money, and all RESPECTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS throughout the country, (acting as agents of the National Depository Banks), will furnish further information on application and AFFORD EVERY FACILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS. May 18, 1864—3mos.

Register's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given, that the following persons have settled their accounts in the Register's office of Tioga county, and that the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of said county, on Thursday, the 9th of June, 1864, for confirmation and allowance:

Lovina Taylor, Administratrix of the estate of Niram Haines, deceased. Catherine Walker, Administratrix of the estate of Delina Walker, deceased. Ira Johnson, Administrator of the estate of John I. Johnson, deceased. William Harrison, Administrator of the estate of William Meek, deceased. Joseph Palmer, Administrator of the estate of Samuel Palmer, deceased. George M. Hall and Noah Corwin, Administrators of the estate of Cornelius Pierce, deceased. H. S. ARCHER, Register. Wellsboro, May 11, 1864.

A Joint Resolution proposing certain Amendments to the Constitution. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendments be proposed to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article thereof:

Section 1. Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in any actual military service, and a requisition from the President of the United States, or by the authority of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in elections by the citizens, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law, as fully as if they were present at the usual place of election.

Section 2. There shall be two additional sections to the eleventh article of the Constitution, to be designated as sections eight, and nine, as follows: "Section 8. No bill shall be passed by the Legislature, containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in the title except appropriation bills."

Section 9. No bill shall be passed by the Legislature granting any powers, or privileges, in any case, where the authority to grant such powers, or privileges, has been, or may hereafter be, conferred upon the courts of the Commonwealth."

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, HARRISBURG, April 26, 1864.

PENNSYLVANIA, SS: I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, entitled "A Joint Resolution proposing certain Amendments to the Constitution," as the same remains on file at this office.

ELI SLIFER, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The above Resolution having been agreed to by a majority of the members of each House, at two successive sessions of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, the proposed amendments will be submitted to the people, for their adoption or rejection, on the FIRST TUESDAY OF AUGUST, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article of the Constitution, and the act, entitled "An Act prescribing the time and manner of submitting to the people, for their approval and ratification or rejection, the proposed amendments to the Constitution," approved the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

HUGH YOUNG, BOOKSELLER & STATIONER, AND DEALER IN American Clocks, American, English, and Swiss Watches, Jewelry, Silver Plated Ware, Spectacles, Picture Frames, Photographic Albums, Stereoscopes, Microscopes, Perfumery, Yankee Notions, Fishing Tackle and Flies, and Fancy and Toilet Articles.

SCHOOL BOOKS of every kind used in the County, constantly on hand and sent by mail or otherwise, on order. NO. 5 UNION BLOCK, WELLSBORO, PA. A N Assortment of TABLE GLASSWARE will be found at ROY'S DRUG STORE.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

THE Commissioners of Tioga County will receive sealed proposals until Thursday, the 9th day of June next, at the Commissioner's Office in Wellsboro, Tioga County, at the mouth of Elk Run, in Corvong Township, for the building of the new Bridge across the Wellsboro River, at the mouth of Elk Run, in Corvong Township.

Notice—Guardian's Sale.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court in and for the county of Tioga, State of Pennsylvania, made on the 31st day of June, 1864, at the Court House, in the City of Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, at 10 o'clock, A. M., expose for sale, at public vendue or outcry, the undivided two-thirds parts of all the following described real estate, in the county of Tioga, Pennsylvania, belonging to the estate of Samuel B. Strang, late of Elmira, New York, deceased, and being his interest in the lands in said county, known as the Strang, Irvine and Dunham lands, as follows, to-wit: One certain lot in Clumham township, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a chestnut tree, the southeast corner of lot No. 114 of Bingham lands in said township, thence west 53 1/2 degrees, 12 1/2 perches to a post; thence north, 79 degrees east, 20 1/2 perches to a post; thence north, 89 degrees east, 14 1/2 perches to a post; thence south, 89 degrees east, 39 1/2 perches to a hemlock; thence south, 82 1/2 degrees east, 23 1/4 perches to a post; thence north, 82 1/2 degrees east, 22 1/2 perches to a post; the place of beginning, containing 6.29 3/4 acres and allowance, being a warrant or tract of land known as the Abram Crandall warrant.

Also, one other lot of land in Middlebury township, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a white pine, the northeast corner of lot No. 114 of Bingham lands in said township, thence west 53 1/2 degrees to a post; thence north 20 perches to a post; thence west 20 1/2 perches to a white pine; thence south 10 1/2 perches to a post in the south line of Oliver Higgins' lot; thence south, 85 1/2 degrees east, 38 1/2 perches to a post; thence north 88 degrees east, 1 1/2 perches to a post; thence south, 89 degrees east, 23 1/2 perches to a hemlock; thence north 23 1/2 perches to a post; thence north 2 1/2 degrees to the place of beginning, containing 163.1 acres, and allowance, being a warrant or tract of land known as the Abram Crandall warrant.

Also, one other lot in Middlebury township, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a small hickory, on the east line of lot No. 99 of Bingham lands; thence north, 1 degree east, 12 1/2 perches to a post; thence north 23 1/2 perches to a post; thence north 23 perches to a post; thence west 10 perches to a post; thence west 58 perches to a hemlock; thence north 20 1/2 degrees to a sugar tree; thence west 74 perches to a post; thence south 63 perches to a post; thence south 41 perches to a post; thence west 10 perches to a post; thence north 80 perches to a post; thence north 80 perches to a post; thence east 158 perches to a post; thence south 60 perches to a post; thence east 72 perches to a post; thence south 36 perches to a post; thence east 16 perches to a post; thence south 40 perches to a post; thence west 22 perches to a post; thence north 18 perches to a post; thence west 26 perches to a post; thence west 10 perches to a black oak; thence south 18 perches to a post; thence west 82 perches to a post; thence north 29 perches to a post; thence west 10 perches to a post; thence north 32 perches to a post; thence north 29 perches to a post; thence east 29 perches to a white oak; thence south 52 perches to a post; thence east 72 perches to a dead chestnut; thence north 17 1/2 perches to a post; thence north 7 1/2 perches to a hemlock; thence south, 89 degrees east, 10 perches to a post; thence north, beginning, containing 359.6 acres and allowance, more or less, and being a part of warrants No. 10, 10, 2043, 2044 and 2045. And also, a part of said last described lot, and attached thereto, a small lot bounded as follows: Beginning at a post, being the first post mentioned in the last described lot, and the third corner from the hickory starting point therein mentioned; thence south 90 perches to a hemlock; thence east 58 perches to a post; thence south 25 1/2 perches to lands of C. C. Bailey; thence south, 82 1/2 degrees east, 35 perches to a post; thence 154 perches to the place of beginning; containing 21.49 acres and allowance, being a certain tract of land known as the "Tar Kiln" lot.

Also, one other lot, beginning at a hemlock tree in the north line of lot No. 114 of Bingham lands, thence north, 50 degrees east, 4 1/2 perches to a pine tree; thence north, 55 degrees east, 12 1/2 perches to a post; thence north, 10 degrees east, 22 1/2 perches to a hemlock; thence south, 82 degrees east, 17 perches to a hemlock; thence north, 2 degrees west, 11 1/2 perches to a post; thence north, 29 degrees east, 21 perches to a hemlock; thence north, 21 degrees east, 14 1/2 perches to a post and stones; thence south, 35 degrees east, 37 1/2 perches to a post in the line of land surveyed to James Wilson; thence north, 59 degrees east, 590.9 perches to the place of beginning, containing 21.49 acres and allowance, being a certain tract of land known as the "Tar Kiln" lot.

Also, one other tract or warrant in Middlebury aforesaid; beginning at the southeast corner, at a hemlock on the north line of lot No. 114 of Bingham lands; thence north, 82 degrees east, 286.3 perches to a hickory; thence north, 15 degrees east, on the line of lands surveyed to Jacob Early, 300 perches to a hemlock; thence south, 88 degrees east, 59.8 perches to a hemlock; thence south, 63 degrees east, 15 perches to a maple; thence south, 13 degrees east, 17 1/2 perches to a post; thence north, 78 degrees east, 43 perches to a post; thence north, 12 1/2 perches to a soft maple; thence south, 88 degrees east, 12 1/2 perches to a black oak; thence south, 21 degrees west, 32 1/2 perches to the place of beginning, containing 500 1/2 acres and allowance, more or less.

The above lands being the same lands conveyed to the said Samuel B. Strang, deceased, by H. A. Garrison, late High Sheriff of Tioga county aforesaid, by deed bearing date the 25th day of February, 1844, recorded in the Recorder's office of Tioga county, in record book 23, page 74, &c., except one lot of 49 acres, or thereabouts not included therein, and the said lot of 25 1/2 acres being land conveyed to said Samuel B. Strang, deceased, by deed of Henry W. Sage, with wife, by deed dated the 10th day of July, 1844, the terms of said sale are as follows: One-third of the purchase money in hand, upon confirmation of the sale, and the residue in five equal annual instalments, with interest at 7 per cent, to be paid annually from the day of sale, on all sums due and unpaid, to be secured by the purchaser's bond and mortgage upon the premises, with proper restrictions as to cutting timber and thereby impairing the security.

TRACY BEADLE, Guardian in Pennsylvania of Henry W. Strang, Samuel B. Strang, Marianna Strang, Ada Strang and Eugene Strang, minor children and heirs at law of said Samuel B. Strang, deceased. May 11, 1864.

Applications for License. THE following named persons have filed petitions asking for licenses to keep public houses of entertainment and eating houses, in their respective townships and boroughs, and their respective names will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions for allowance, on Wednesday, the first day of June next, at two o'clock P. M. J. F. DONALDSON, Clerk.

Public House. M. V. Purple, Deerfield. E. S. Farr, Tioga. Joseph Wilkins, Blossburg. John Yonker, Jackson. L. D. W. John Fletcher, Blossburg. Henry Post, Ward. W. Y. Campbell, Morris. William A. Whitley, Nelson. H. C. Vermilyea, Gaines. Abner Hunt, Mansfield. Benjamin Burdett, Elmira. Robert Rose & Elmer Backer, Rutland. G. W. Mattison, Knoxville. Joel H. Woodruff, Joseph Reed, & Samuel Carroll, Liberty. William C. Stevens, Middlebury. Joseph W. Bigony, Rufus Farr, Wellsboro.

William L. Reese, W. Ball, Wellsboro. Joseph P. Monell, Blossburg.

Interested to Farmers. WALTER A WOOD has made D. P. Roberts, of Wellsboro, an agent for the counties of Tioga, Potter, Clinton and Lycoming, for the sale of his two wheeled MOWERS and REAPERS and all kinds of FARMING IMPLEMENTS; and all farmers wanting any of these things, will save from ten to twenty dollars by calling on the subscriber before purchasing elsewhere. Lists of prices sent free by mail. D. P. ROBERTS.

BILLIOUS ANTIDOTE. A NEW ARTICLE for the cure of Billious Distempers, Jaundice, &c., for sale at ROY'S DRUG STORE.