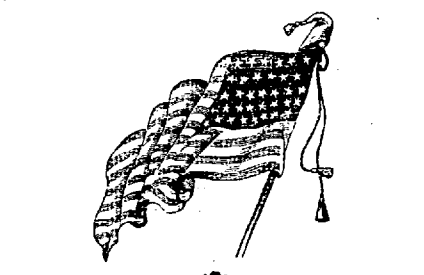


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## PEOPLES' STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the members of the Peoples' State Central Committee will be held at Covey's Hotel, Harrisburg, on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1862,  
to determine the time and place for holding a State Convention to nominate State candidates, and to transact such other business as may be presented. A full attendance is requested.

ALEX. K. MCCLURE, Chairman.  
Geo. W. HAMMERLY, Secretary.  
JOHN M. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

## DESTINY.

Napoleon of St. Helena memory, and other men equally as great who lived before and after him, had a devout faith in destiny. What occurred to and whatever fate distinguished them, was to be, in their estimation. In this respect, if the advocates and adherents of slavery were as firmly convinced of the destiny which awaits, as they are wedded to, their institution, we doubt if slavery would have an advocate or defender in the entire south, in ten years to come, simply because the doom of slavery is as fixed and irrevocable as the doom of Napoleon to die on his sea-girt home of St. Helena. And what is most strange in all this fearful destiny and drama of blood, is the fact that slavery has invoked its own doom more speedily than even its destiny had designed its end, by its desire to augment its power and increase its privileges. Had the rebellion not been precipitated the existence of slavery would have been peaceful for years to come under the protection of the American Union. It was not the opposition to the institution which has engendered its decay. On the contrary, opposition to slavery by a few brave and conscientious men tended for years to give it prestige instead of diminish its influence. What worked the destruction of the fell monster was its own overbearing and envious positions towards all other interests in this government. The rebellion of the slave driver was not to resist any attack on slavery itself, but it was to lead in an assault on free institutions, on the ruins of which slavery was to be exalted. The traitors did not seek secession because they feared the destruction of slavery—they sought it, rather, because they desired the dissolution of the American Union. And what has been the result? Certain states have formally proclaimed their secession from the Union—they have conferred in order to make their departure from their old political associations still more decided—but in all this, the great object has failed, because slavery has not been benefited. It is now exposed to loss by the confusion its adherents have created—it is threatened with confiscation by the authority its own rebellion has violated—and in every respect, from one step of folly to another, all the efforts of those who have rebelled for slavery, have tended directly to diminish the political influence and decrease the numerical strength of that institution.

Another view of this question is presented in the position assumed by certain foreign powers both towards the legitimate government of this country, and that which exists on the false pretences of rebellion in the south. It has been the policy of the Confederate government to embroil the Federal authority with some of the European powers, with the hope that such a complication of our affairs would hasten their own recognition by other European governments, and thus secure the final triumph of slavery. But here again, destiny interposes to defeat the designs of those who thus madly cling to slavery as a domestic and a political institution. The interference of a foreign power in behalf of the rebellion, will make the conflict more fierce than it is now, on the part of the Federal government. Then it would not only be a contest for law and civil authority,

but it would become a fierce strife for national existence, in which the institution of slavery would be sure to perish than ever. With traitors to contend with on the one side, and the insolent interference of an ancient foreign foe on the other, there would be no apologists left in the loyal States for the institution of slavery. Emancipation, instead of being discussed, would be demanded—when the knife and the torch, in the hands of emancipated slaves, would be the fitting implements of warfare against traitors and tyrants, while we were battling with and demolishing the English cohorts, as our fathers so effectively done on two other occasions not too far in the past to have been forgotten by our envious, hypocritical British neighbors.

Who will deny that there is not destiny in all this—destiny for slavery as it has been enforced in the southern states of America—destiny for slavery, too, as it has been practiced by the British government all over the world, wherever there was a nation sufficiently wealthy and prosperous to excite its envy, and too weak to resist its encroachments. God moves in a mysterious way, when he seeks the chastisement of sin. He makes use of strange instrumentalities as He decrees the end of corruption and the fall of tyranny. In this instance, who knows but what it is His decree that the monstrous evils of slavery in the American states and on the British isles shall end at the same time, and by the influence, too, of a people struggling to be free in both localities. Whatever may be the result of the British threat to interfere, we have a faith in this destiny—and therefore, for the sake of freedom and the Union, perhaps it would be better were England to strike now, than pause until the resentment which her blow would invoke, becomes too weak to wreck the vengeance which has been reserved for her by outraged humanity and Heaven!

GOOD FOR SCHEOFF!—Gen. Schoepf appears to be as much at home in the currency business as in fighting "Old Zolly." When he arrived in the neighborhood of London, after the Wild Cat fight, he found that Zollicoffer had been levying on the Union men for provisions, forage, transportation, &c., and had paid them in Confederate bonds. Imitating an example which secessionists thought so unexceptionable, Gen. Schoepf commenced levying on the secessionists for similar supplies. Meantime he assembled the Union men, and, opening an exchange office for their benefit, set at defiance all banking rules, by taking the Confederate bonds at par, and supplying the Union men with good Ohio and Indiana money in its stead. Then, when the secessionists presented their bills, he paid them all off, with the utmost politeness, in their own currency! They didn't know enough to be thankful for the arrangement, but that wasn't his fault.

CONGRESS AND THE PLANTERS.—It is understood, says the Richmond Examiner, that the sense of Congress has been determined, on a test question made in secret session, to be in opposition to any legislation for the relief of the planters. There is nothing, however, to prevent the planting interest from having recourse to the State Legislatures. The States of Georgia and Alabama, as we learn, have already taken into consideration the subject of relieving the necessities of the planters, as a matter of State and domestic concern.

WHAT "MUDSILLS" UNDERTAKE.—The brigades of Generals Negley and Roseau, at last accounts were stationed at Bacon Creek, Ky. The mechanics in Negley's Brigade, including a large number in Col. Hambricht's regiment, had taken a contract to re-build the Bacon Creek bridge, pledging themselves to complete the work in forty-eight hours. An army composed of such material will not long allow any obstacles the rebels may place in their way to impede their southward march.

## Bombardment of Fort Pickens.

### OFFICIAL REPORT.

FORT PICKENS, Fla., Nov. 25, 1861.

Colonel H. Brown, Commanding Fort Pickens, &c.  
Colonel.—In obedience to your instructions I have the honor to report the service of the batteries in the fort, proper; and of batteries Scott, Lincoln, Cameron, Totten, and the battery at the old Spanish fort, and the operations of the troops engaged in the bombardment of the 22d and 23d of November, 1861, specially under my command, per S. O. No. 208, Headquarters Fort Pickens, Nov. 22d, 1861.

The guns in the fort proper were divided into seven distinct batteries, each battery having a separate commander. A one gun battery in the covered way, 10-inch columbiad, *en barbette*, manned by detachments from company C, 2d Artillery, commanded by Lieut. McFarland, Engineer corps. The battery manned by company A, 1st Artillery, assisted by Lieut. Taylor, 1st Artillery, consisted of one 10-inch columbiad, *en barbette*, and one 42-pound rifled gun, *en barbette*, and two 8-inch columbiads in casemate. The battery manned by company L, 1st Artillery, commanded by Lieut. Jackson, 1st Artillery, consisted of one 10-inch columbiad and five 32-pounders, *en barbette*, one 42-pound rifled gun, one 8-inch columbiad, (un-chambered,) and two 42-pounders (smooth bore) in casemates. The battery manned by company K, 2d Artillery, commanded by Capt. Allen, 2d Artillery, consisted of one 10-inch columbiad, *en barbette*, and three 42-pound rifled guns in casemate. The battery manned by company E, 3d Infantry, commanded by Capt. Heldt, consisted of one 10-inch columbiad and one 42-pound rifled gun, *en barbette*, and two 8-inch columbiads (one chambered and one un-chambered) in casemates. The battery manned by company C, 3d Infantry, commanded by Lieut. Shipley, consisted of one 10-inch columbiad, *en barbette*, and two 42-pound rifled guns, *en barbette*, and two 8-inch columbiads (one chambered and one un-chambered) in casemate. The mortar battery, in the ditch, contains A to B, manned by detachments from the command, commanded by Lieut. Langdon, 6th Artillery, consisted of four 10-inch S. C. mortars, battery Scott, manned by company F, 1st Artillery, assisted by Lieut. Closson, 1st Artillery, consisted of two 10-inch columbiads and one 42-pound rifled gun, *en barbette*, and two 10-inch S. C. mortars. Battery Lincoln, manned by company H, 2d Artillery, consisted of four 8-inch S. C. Howitzers and one 42-pound rifled gun, *en barbette*, and two 10-inch S. C. mortars. Battery Totten, manned by company C, 2d Artillery, consisted of one 13-inch and one 12-inch S. C. mortars. Battery Cameron, manned by company I, 6th reg. N. Y. V., the gunners and purveyors by Lieut. Pennington, 2d Artillery, consisted of two 10-inch columbiads, *en barbette*, and one 10-

pound rifled gun, (the second day.) The battery at the old Spanish fort, manned by detachments detailed from the command, commanded by Lieutenant Seeley, consisted of one 10-pound Parrott rifled gun, (the first day.) The guns fired from the forts, and guns in casemate was not effective owing to the long range and probably the inherent defect in the principle by which a rotary motion is given to these shots and shells; for I observed that the firing from these guns was very irregular and uncertain for ranges over two thousand yards. I ordered Capt. Duryee, First Artillery, Compy T. Battery Scott, ably assisted as he was by Lieut. Closson of the same regiment, to direct the fire of his powerful battery, consisting of two 10-inch columbiads, one 42-pound rifled gun, and two 10-inch S. C. mortars to fire on Fort McRae and sand battery south of it. I at the same time ordered the four 10-inch S. C. mortars in the ditch, commanded by Lieut. Langdon; and one 13-inch and one 12-inch S. C. mortars, battery Totten, commanded by Capt. Blunt, and one 8-inch columbiad, and two 42-pounders in command of Lieut. Jackson's battery to fire on Fort McRae and sand battery south of it, for the purpose of co-operating with the navy in endeavoring to take and destroy that important fort and its outworks which guard the enemy's right flank and the entrance to the harbor of Pensacola. The direct fire of these guns was excellent, and together with the United States steamships Niagara and Richmond produced a marked impression on this stronghold of the enemy by silencing the guns for the time and batteries outside against the enemy's line of forts and batteries, including the town of Washington and the navy yard, were 10-inch columbiads, six 8-inch columbiads, eleven 42-pound, *en barbette*, four 8-inch S. C. Howitzers, eight 10-inch S. C. mortars, one 13-inch and one 12-inch S. C. mortar, and twelve 32-pounders *en barbette*.

The bombardment of the enemy's works commenced on November 22d, 1861, when signal guns were fired from the flag staff under your personal direction. I ordered those guns that could be conveniently brought to bear to fire on two rebel steamboats lying at the navy yard wharf, and a 10-inch columbiad sand battery established on the same wharf. The effect of this firing was apparent by driving the rebels from the sand battery on the wharf, disabling the steamboat Time and injuring the iron steam tug Neafie, which escaped by steaming off, being a small boat. After firing for a short time, I directed the most of these guns to fire on the enemy's forts and batteries, which soon attracted attention by their rapid and accurate firing. I ordered those guns that could be conveniently brought to bear to fire on two rebel steamboats lying at the navy yard wharf, and a 10-inch columbiad sand battery established on the same wharf. 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