

Daily Telegraph

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

HARRISBURG, PA.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 26, 1864.

Unwise Competitions for the Presidential Nomination.

Secretary Chase, in the letter withdrawing his name from the list of candidates for the Presidential nomination, administered a rebuke to those over-ambitious and exceedingly anxious men in different parts of the Union who are now engaging in a rancorous competition for the Presidency. We do not pretend to write, nor does Secretary Chase's letter imply, that under ordinary circumstances, any man has not the right to make a contest for the Presidential nomination. It is the controlling feature and fairest beauty of our republican institutions, that the humblest citizen may aspire to the most exalted station in the Government—aspire to it, not merely in dizzy anticipation of its sublime eminence, but in actual and just hope of wielding its powers. But there are circumstances under which these competitions for office become unwise; threatening in their folly, much wrong to the people and the Government. Particularly at the present time, may competition for the Presidential nomination be regarded as dangerous alike to those who engage in it and to the authority which is sought thereby to be controlled. In their calmer moments, the people have decided that a continuance of the present National Administration is demanded by every consideration involving National success in the struggle to overcome treason. This decision was arrived at not merely to honor Mr. Lincoln, not to reward or flatter the man—but to promote the interest and secure the welfare of the nation. Those who seek now to thwart the will of the people on this subject, are they who seek the honoring of mere men, the elevation of only an individual, in whose claims to office they profess to see a superiority to the national claim for life, peace and prosperity.

Notwithstanding we have faith in the pure attachment of the people for the Government, and however much we believe that Mr. Lincoln will be triumphantly re-elected President of the United States, we are constrained to deplore the cropping out of a factious spirit, now visible in different portions of the loyal States, in the contest of the Presidential canvass. As we have already written, we must concede to all men the right to aspire to and contest for office; but we submit whether this is the time for such a struggle. The politicians who are preparing to engage in this struggle, may have lost their old cunning, or they have become blind. Surely nothing could be more emphatic than the desire of the people to continue Abraham Lincoln President for another term of four years. The nation wants the man because his measures and policy are acceptable; nay, essentially necessary for national success. If we change the man what guarantee have the people that the measures will not also be changed? These are the questions which agitated the public mind, before it was resolved to re-elect Abraham Lincoln.

Let us hope that, before the meeting of the Baltimore Convention, the aspiring gentlemen who now look wistfully towards the White House, will have withdrawn their names from the contest, satisfied that it is not good to oppose the preference of the people. Such aspirants, if they seek only fame, can find more enduring reputation in offering their services to the Government in another direction, where devotion to its existence is tried by blows, and patriotism is tested in the fiery ordeal of battle. The loyal men of the land want one candidate for the Presidency. Indubitably there can be but two, one in favor of, and the other against the existence of the Government. To interfere in such a contest merely to gratify a knowing want of power, would be to contribute to the success of the enemies of the country, without earning their political or without promoting a single interest of those engaging in such work. Let us then have union among ourselves for the sake of the Union.

The "Democratic" State Convention.

A Convention of delegates purporting to represent what is called the "Democratic" party, assembled in Philadelphia on Thursday. The object was to settle an electoral ticket to be defeated at the Presidential election in November next; and to pass resolutions of aid and comfort to the old and natural allies of modern Democracy, the slaveholders now in rebellion against the constitutional authorities of the land. Whether the delegates succeeded in comforting their allies must be decided by the responses of the Southern traitor press. One thing the delegates did do, however. They left us no doubt of their complicity with treason, by the vague generality, and cold indifference and villainous misrepresentation with which they treated the government in their speeches and resolutions. A convention of avowed secessionists—a conclave of traitors with the blood of loyal men on their hands, could not be regarded with more satisfaction than will the proceedings on this occasion, of the Democratic leaders of Pennsylvania be hailed by Jeff. Davis & Co. And if the leaders of what is now called a Democratic party, had deliberately gone to work to drive from its ranks all men who really love their country and are willing to peril their lives for the defence of its liberties, they could not possibly have accomplished their object more effectually than they have by the platform adopted at the late Philadelphia convention.

Major-General Dana, commanding the Federal forces in Texas, has issued an order, dated Pass Cavallo, January 30th, for the printing of a sufficient number of copies of the Amnesty Proclamation to supply whatever demand there may be for them, and requesting all officers and men to use every opportunity that may present itself to distribute them in the interior of the State.

eral government in Canada and New Brunswick?—or are the Democratic leaders about to join the sovereignty of Europe in their base plans to secure the overthrow of the American Union? These are questions for the serious consideration of the people. It will be remembered that this is not the first offer of alliance with other sovereignties on the part of the Democratic leaders. Two years ago the Democratic leaders of New York called on the British Minister, with a view to effect an understanding with the British Government, having for its object the permanent dissolution of the American Union. It now appears that the Democratic leaders of Pennsylvania are in the same market, begging for foreign alliances, that they may be strengthened in their purposes of treason and rebellion at home.

President Lincoln's Tribute to the Loyal Women of America.

At the close of the Patent Office Fair in Washington, on Friday night, Mr. Lincoln, in answer to loud and continuous calls, made the following remarks:—"Ladies and Gentlemen: I appear, to say but a word. This extraordinary war in which we are engaged falls heavily upon all classes of people, but the most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said all that a man hath will he give for his life; and while all contribute of their substance, the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country's cause. The highest merit, then, is due to the soldier. (Cheers.)

"In this extraordinary war extraordinary developments have manifested themselves, such as have not been seen in former wars, and among these manifestations nothing has been more remarkable than these fair women of America. (Cheers.)

IMPORTANT TO TAX-PAYERS. Bounties to Soldiers.

MR. EDITOR.—It is well-known that the recruiting business is now conducted, but is unequal in different parts of the State, and that the people pay the full amount offered for recruits, while some of the counties receive but a paltry bounty. To correct these wrongs—to protect the tax-payers from imposition, to secure to the soldier an equal proportion of his bounty, and to induce the ignorant volunteer or his family, the sum which may prove to be the price of his life, I beg to suggest the following:

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The distinguished Dr. Robert J. Breckinridge has addressed a letter to the Frankfort Commonwealth, strongly commending that paper for its support of the policy of the administration.

THE GREAT TONIC.

Let a convention, composed of one or more delegates from each county, be held in Harrisburg as soon as possible. Let it determine upon a certain, fixed bounty to be equal throughout the State. Let it appoint one honest, intelligent and responsible person in each county to act as agent for recruiting within the limits of said county, and let these agents, or the convention itself, appoint a general State recruiting and bounty office to be located at Harrisburg.

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It is stated that General Grant regards McClellan as the greatest obstacle to the success of the Army of the Potomac. A few of the Major-Generals who owe their appointments to the favor of "Little Mac" constantly interpose obstacles to every movement proposed.

By Telegraph.

CALIFORNIA.

Meeting of the Union State Convention.

Abraham Lincoln Declared the First Choice for President.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25. Sailed: Ship Wm. Chamberlain, for Callao. The Union State Convention organized at Sacramento yesterday, by the election of Wm. H. Sears as chairman, by forty-five majority over W. H. Parks, the Anti-Conness candidate. The whole vote cast amounted to two hundred and forty-seven.

To-day the Convention unanimously adopted a resolution praising the National Administration, declaring Abraham Lincoln the first choice for the next Presidency, and endorsing Messrs. Conness, Higby, Shannon, and Cole, of the California delegation in Congress.

DIED.

March 24th, in Chicago, Ill., at the residence of her son-in-law, Henry S. Fitch, Esq., after a short illness, Mrs. Amy G. Hertz, widow of the late J. Newton Hertz, M. D. of Harrisburg, Pa.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the District of Columbia court, in and for the County of Montgomery, to the estate of Robert M. Elwell, late of Harrisburg, DuPaul county, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves indebted to the said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them for settlement.

PROPOSALS are invited for the graduation, Masonry, Bridge Superstructure, Ballast, Groceries, Lumber, etc. of the PITTSBURGH AND CONNELLVILLE RAILROAD, between Connellville and Cumberland, embracing a distance of about EIGHTY-SEVEN MILES, in sections of about one mile each. Specifications will be found in the office of the Engineer at Pittsburgh, on and after the 26th of MARCH current, and proposals will be received until the 10th of APRIL, ensuing.

GREAT BARGAINS IN JEWELRY!

W. F. FORSYTH & CO., 42 AND 44 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK. (Adjoining the Post Office.) Offer for sale the following magnificent list of WATCHES, CHAINS, JEWELRY, &c., VALUED AT \$300,000.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. PUBLIC SALE OF CONDEMNED Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage.

THE following list of Condemned Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage will be sold at Public Auction, on Wednesday, March 30th, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Depot of Clothing and Equipage, at Camp Curtin, near Harrisburg, Pa., viz:

AN ASSORTMENT OF OVER 100 STYLES OF POCKET BOOKS, PURSES AND PORTMONNAIES FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

KELLER'S Drug and Fancy Goods Store, No. 91 Market Street.

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PAPER WAREHOUSE. FARRELL, IRVING & CO., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

MANUFACTURERS OF MANILLA PAPER OF ALL SIZES. ROLL WRAPPERS.

\$25 REWARD. WAS stolen from the front of Sanford's Hall, on Friday evening, 24th inst., a BAY Horse, with star on forehead and both hind feet white.

A LOT of Ground, with a front of 65 feet on Montgomery street and fronting 126 feet on Chestnut street, with a front of 126 feet on Chestnut street, corner Second and Montgomery streets.

ASSIGNMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Moses Leek respectfully announces to the Public that he is prepared to do all kinds of HEAVY HAULING at reasonable rates.

PURE CONCENTRATED COFFEE, SUGAR AND MILK.

BY the Barrel, Keg and Can, at the Warehouse of the Old Wallower Line, Chestnut street.

ANY person furnishing information of the whereabouts of any deserters from the United States army will receive the above reward.

FOR THE Erection of Fifty Dwelling Houses.

PROPOSALS are invited for the building of five blocks of ten houses each, of wood or brick to be located on the grounds of the Lechler Mill Co.

THE undersigned offers for sale a desirable river, at Duane's Island, fifteen miles west of Harrisburg.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FOR SALE. A HOUSE and LOT of Ground on North Second Street.

A HOUSE and LOT of Ground on North Second Street. Good fruit trees in lot. Will be sold cheap.

PIANOS. ALBRECHT, RIEKES & SCHMIDT'S EXCELSIOR PIANOS.

FOR REASONS perfectly satisfactory to MYSELF I have sold the above stock of excellent Pianos. The public is invited to call and examine for themselves.

AUTHORITY having been granted by the War Department, to the Commanding General of the Department of the Susquehanna, the 1st Battalion, Three Years Pennsylvania Volunteers, (formerly Six Months' Unit), consisting of Six Companies, mustered into the United States Service for Three Years, or during the War, is authorized to recruit to Ten Companies of the maximum strength.

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WANTS. AGENTS wanted to sell the Standard History of the War.

AGENTS wanted to sell the Standard History of the War. A rare chance to make money. Agents are clearing from \$100 to \$200 per month. Volume already sold. Send for circulars. Address: JONES BROS. & CO., Publishers, Baltimore, Md. de 30

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Moving. AS this is the time for moving...

DESIRABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE. The subscriber residing at 28 miles above Harrisburg, on the Susquehanna river, offers for sale the following desirable property, all of which is adjacent to both the Canal and Railroad, and one of the best markets in the State, the city of Harrisburg.

PUBLIC SALE. Will be sold, on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1864...

35,000 Feet of Dry Lumber.

PUBLIC SALE. Will be sold, at Public Sale, at the residence of Mr. Samuel Kohr, on Second street...

COURT HOUSE. Gottschalk's Farewell Concert in America.

Mr. L. M. Gottschalk, Two Grand Concerts.

On Monday and Wednesday, March 23 and 25.

IMPORTANT TO ALL. Will restore the Rheumatism who will do it.

1864 RATS. As Spring approaches...

COSTAR'S EXTERMINATORS.

TO OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

THE undersigned, having been in the employment of the United States during the last eight months, as Clerk in the Muster and Disbursing Office...

JOSHUA W. WESTLING, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

ALL business pertaining to the profession...