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All manner of VISITING, WEDDING AND BUSINESS  
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THE GREAT EXTERNAL REMEDY,  
FOR RHEUMATISM, GOUT, NEURALGIA, LUMBAGO, STIFF NECK AND JOINTS, SPRAINS, BRUISES, CUTS & WOUNDS, FLEAS, HEADACHE, AND ALL RHEUMATISM AND NERVOUS DISORDERS.  
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Hon. Thomas Irwin, Diamond street, finished four years.  
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Every Ham sold will be guaranteed as represented.  
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AT THE MECHANICS' FAIR, BOSTON, HELD THE PRECEDING WEEK, OVER SIXTY COMPETITORS!  
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### WARI WAR!—BRADY, No. 62

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### EXCELSIOR!!!—SUGAR CURED

HAMS—A Delicious Ham, cured expressly for family use. May be superior to any now in the market. [my] WM. DOCK, JR., & CO.

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THE CHEAPEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN PENNSYLVANIA!

AND THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER PUBLISHED AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT!

FORTY-FOUR COLUMNS OF READING MATTER EACH WEEK!

AT THE LOW PRICE OF ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS!

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We have been compelled to raise the club subscription price to one dollar and fifty cents in order to save ourselves from actual loss. Paper has risen, including taxes, about twenty-five per cent, and is still rising; and when we tell our Democratic friends, candidly, that we can no longer afford to sell the Weekly Patriot and Union at one dollar a year, and must add fifty cents or stop the publication, we trust they will appreciate our position, and, instead of withdrawing their subscription, go to work with us to increase our list in every county in the State. We have endeavored, and shall continue our efforts, to make the paper useful as a party organ, and welcome as a news messenger to every family. We flatter ourselves that it has not been without some influence in producing the glorious revolution in the politics of the State achieved at the late election; and if fearlessness in the discharge of duty, fidelity to the principles of the party, and an anxious desire to promote its interests, with some experience and a moderate degree of ability, can be made serviceable hereafter, the Weekly Patriot and Union will not be less useful to the party or less welcome to the family circle in the future than it has been in the past. We confidently look for increased encouragement in this great enterprise, and appeal to every influential Democrat in the State to send us his aid in running our subscription list up to twenty or thirty thousand. The expense of each individual is trifling, the benefit to the party may be great. Believing that the Democracy of the State feel the necessity of sustaining a fearless central organ, we make this appeal to them for assistance with the fullest confidence of success.

The same reasons which induce us to raise the price of the Weekly, operate in regard to the Daily paper, the price of which is also increased. The additional cost to each subscriber will be but trifling; and, while we cannot persuade ourselves that the change necessarily made will result in any diminution of our daily circulation, yet, were we certain that such would be the consequence, we should still be compelled to make it, or suffer a ruinous loss. Under these circumstances we must take ourselves upon the generosity, or, rather, the justice of the public, and abide their verdict, whatever it may be.

The period for which many of our subscribers have paid for their paper being on the eve of expiring, we take the liberty of issuing this notice, reminding them of the same, in order that they may

### RENEW THEIR CLUBS.

We shall also take it as an especial favor if our present subscribers will urge upon their neighbors the fact that the Patriot and Union is the only Democratic paper printed in Harrisburg, and considering the large amount of reading matter, embracing all the current news of the day, and

### TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

From every where up to the moment the paper goes to press, political, miscellaneous, general and local news market reports, is decidedly the

### CHEAPEST NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE STATE!

There is scarcely a village or town in the State in which a club cannot be raised if the proper exertion be made, and surely there are few places in which one or more energetic men cannot be found who are in favor of the dissemination of sound Democratic doctrines, who would be willing to make the effort to raise a club.

### DEMOCRATS OF THE INTERIOR!

Let us hear from you. The existing war, and the approaching sessions of Congress and the State Legislature, are invested with unusual interest, and every man should have his views.

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### O. BARRETT & CO., Harrisburg, Pa.

N. B.—The following law, passed by Congress in 1860, defines the duty of Postmasters in relation to the delivery of newspapers to club subscribers:  
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"Provided, however, that where packages of new papers or periodicals are received at any post office directed to one address, and the names of the club subscribers to which they belong, with the postage for a quarter in advance, shall be handed to the postmaster, he shall deliver the same to their respective owners."

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### INDEPENDENCE ISLAND.

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No improper characters admitted, and no intoxicated person will be permitted to visit the Island.  
A Ferry Boat plies constantly between the Island and the foot of Broad street, West Harrisburg. jels-3m

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LADIES TRAVELING, MARKET, BREAD, PAPER, KNIFE, CHILDREN'S OAKS, CLOTHES, BOUND.

For sale low, by WM. DOCK, JR., & Co.

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### BLACKING!!!—MASON'S "CHALLENGE"

BLACKING!!!—100 Gals. assorted size, just received and for sale, wholesale and retail. WM. DOCK, JR., & Co.

### PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS.

A large and beautiful assortment of PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, just received and for sale cheap, at 93 Market street. jps

### The Patriot & Union.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21, 1863.

### REMARKS OF JAMES F. SHUNK, ESQ., OF YORK,

At the monster Mass Meeting in Independence Square, Philadelphia, on the 17th of September.

Mr. Shunk said that it was eminently proper that the Democracy of Pennsylvania should assemble at this time and on this spot. The time was the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States; the spot was the birthplace of that great law. Here, if anywhere, in these days of disaster and oppression, when the charter of our liberties has been supplanted by a "higher law," interpreted and disseminated by Abolition seers—when the mere will of the President avails to strip the citizen of the securities for which his fathers paid the best blood of the world—here is the place, this is the day in which to assert once more the ancient liberties of this Republic. The Democratic party have always been the party of the Constitution and the Union. They have held fast to them in season and out of season—in time of war as well as in time of peace. Through all the long period in which they held control of this government, and were the masters of its power and patronage, the rights of no State were invaded—the liberty of no citizen was abridged—the press and the rostrum were free—the forts which crown along our coast were a terror to every foreign foe, but not prisons for the free born citizens of our own land. In those days of peace and prosperity the people were taught by our leaders that this government was founded upon concession and compromise—that by the matchless wisdom of the great men who framed our Constitution, separate and sovereign political communities, scattered over half a continent, diversified not more widely in climate than in institutions, laws and habits of thought—were united under one Government—a Government holding only a few great powers, and having relation to only a few large objects—but strong enough to maintain our honor and dignity abroad and peace at home—potent to assert the rights of all these States, without infringing upon the liberties of any one of them. As long as the teachings of our statesmen were respected, as long as the compact of the Constitution were honored, as long as State kept faith with State, we continued to grow great, and three years ago we stood, if not foremost, side by side with the master Powers of the world. We have now been taught by the saddest experience through which any nation ever passed—the wisdom of that policy which kept us together so long. The lessons which, in our madness, we refused to listen to from the tongues of grave and reverend statesmen, we read now in letters of blood. They are burned into our souls by the fire of gunpowder, sounded in our ears by the roar of artillery. We feel now what in better days we scorned to fear. The industry of the land, instead of being employed in the cultivation of the soil and in those peaceful arts which contributed to the wealth and comfort of the whole nation, is now diverted to the manufacture of tools for slaughter—to the forging of bayonets and the mounting of guns—to the invention of new and Satanic methods by which brother may shed brother's blood. The fields which in Democratic days were yellow with harvests, are, in this Abolition millennium, red and soaked with the blood of the reapers. The policy of our party saved the Union while it lasted—that policy only can restore it. We were called "Union Saviors," and sneered at by the wretches who now hold power, because we sought to maintain the integrity of the Republic. We are called "Copperheads" and "traitors" by the same people now, because we are bending our might to restore it.

Mr. Shunk then adverted to the base slanders of the Abolitionists concerning the character and opinions of Judge Woodward. "They tell us," said he "that he is a secessionist—that in case of his election he will carry Pennsylvania into the Southern Confederacy." Fellow citizens, the man who makes this assertion is either a consummate knave or an incorrigible ass—he is moreover a traitor, giving to the enemy the very aid and comfort which he wants. If Judge Woodward, a son of Pennsylvania—born upon our soil, and habituated to its honors—the chosen chief of a great party—without an acre of land or a drop of dried blood within the whole area of the South—is bent upon allying this Commonwealth with the Southern Confederacy, an able leader of the rebellion can be made to believe it, will it not put fresh strength into their armies? Will it not nerve them for a longer struggle and for battles more desperate than any which they have yet fought? They believe no such thing—they know better. But this is not the fault of the Abolitionists. They have steadily represented since the beginning of this war that the Democratic party was in alliance with the rebel States. They have reiterated this miserable slander in the face of the fact that a majority of our armies are Democrats—that the greatest General the best beloved of the soldier—the hero of Antietam, and the savior of the capital—George B. McClellan, is a Democrat. [Loud and continued cheers.] From such hardy falsifiers, it would be too much to ask justice for Woodward. Fellow citizens, while there is no danger that Judge Woodward contemplates any such folly as his slanders impute to him, there really is great danger that, under the management of Governor Curtin, the lines of Jeff. Davis will be extended over our borders. Twice have rebel armies entered our State. The first time Curtin politely allowed them to leave unmolested. The second time he spent the precious hours which should have been given to preparations for defense in begging and pleading with the powers at Washington for leave to call out his own militia. Meantime, by the blessing of God, there were two Governors, belonging to the despised and disloyal "Copperheads," who knew their rights—exercised them without going on their knees to Mr. Stanton for permission to act—and sent the cohorts of Democratic New York and New Jersey to defend the soil of Pennsylvania, while her own imbecile and "loyal" Executive was trembling on his marrow-bones before the throne at Washington. You could expect nothing better from him. The man who has suffered free citizens of Pennsylvania to be kidnapped by the Federal Government and carried out of this Commonwealth into it. A new day kept dawns on us when Woodward takes his seat. He helped to make our free Constitution—for many years he has righteously expounded our laws. He will take care when he comes to be our Governor that this Constitution and those laws shall be respected by ruffians high and low—in office as well as out of office—by people in Washington as well as people everywhere else. No deputy kidnapper, armed with a dispatch from the War Department—no rebel general, armed with instructions from Jeff. Davis, will then dare to cross

our borders, or pollute with his tread the sanctity of our homes. Should invasion threaten our homes, our militia, instead of being paid, they were under Curtin, by contradictory orders, or dragged away as a body guard for the tumbling imbeciles at Washington, will look to their lawful and chosen chief for the word of command, and march with cheerful hearts and a united front to hurl back the invader.

Mr. Shunk then expressed the most perfect confidence in our success—a confidence founded on letters and conversations with prominent men in communication with the Central Committee, from every section of the State. He believed that every vote cast for the party at the coming election was a vote for the return of peace and the re-establishment of the Union under the Constitution, and of liberty within the bounds of law.

### DEMOCRACY.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.]  
In contemplating the various phases of political affairs and observing the rise and decay of parties in this country, we are profoundly impressed with the wisdom of the old Democratic organization. Scores of political associations have been formed, played their brief but exciting part in the drama, and passed away from the stage to give rise to new experiments on the part of leading men and masses, but throughout all these mutations, one party alone has set time at defiance and preserved its traditional name and policy. There is a reason for this. It lies down at the very bottom of our political system. It is, in short, that the Democracy has been, and is to day, the people's party. On the solid foundation of the people's party, and confidence, it rests securely, when on that foundation it rests securely, when other contrivances of men to obtain and preserve power in themselves have been shifting forever and forever, like the sands of the sea. When Mr. Jefferson, deeply impressed with the wisdom of consolidated power in the old world, had interwoven with our system those muniments of personal liberty which are established by the amendments to the Federal Constitution, he laid the foundation for a political order whose chief mission should be to watch over and secure from aggression these great rights, and which should be constantly strengthened by the masses in the good work. The old Whig organization was illustrated by the largest wealth, the highest social influence, and a great share of the cultivated intellect of the land. In spite of these signal advantages, it gradually declined, and at last perished. It was a most respectable, and it was also a national party, but it did not expand with the widening area of the country nor with the new issues that began to tax the thoughts and labors of public men. It gave way, therefore, to other political societies, but it was not solely owing to a certain sluggish and contracted vision, that the Whig party ceased to grow. A latent cause of this slow and certain wasting away of the body, was that it wanted, in a measure, active sympathy with the great masses. It prided itself upon its wealth, its social caste, and its intellectual culture. It was not a party that ever taught indifference to the laws, or treachery to their obligations—in which respect it is in shining contrast with the Republican organization—out it was apt to lean too strongly to the side of Government, and to turn the cold shoulder to the popular wishes. Herein it totally failed, and herein it provided for its own speedy dissolution. The people outgrew it. It ceased to be re-inforced and recruited. Sectional ideas began to rally about them thousands of indocile or vicious adherents. The Whig party was a strong shield to combat these new dangers. Its shield was too narrow, when it for it ceased to be. Let it rest well in its great tomb. For all its shortcomings, it was a noble party, and has left a high and comparatively unblemished name.

The Democracy was born to good luck. It was its rare fortune to have its love for the people, at the outset of our government, blended with attachment for the Constitution of the United States. As this instrument was so shaped as to provide most admirably for the liberties of the people, the party which has ever in view the constant preservation of the one, has an equal interest in the preservation of the other. If the constitution had been deficient in those careful provisions for the popular safety, the Democracy would never have had an affection for the instrument. If it had not so wonderfully established the limits of power vested in public agents, and so explicitly guarded the rights of the States and people against aggression, the Democracy would have obeyed the instrument, but they would never have felt for it that burning and ardent attachment, which has made them its especial guardians and exponents during our entire history as a nation. Glorious privilege! We are fortified in our regard for the brave masses who have made this country "blossom as the rose," by the great public character which first enabled these masses as a united people to achieve such a glorious result. So long as the popular liberty and Constitution have become watch-words on our party banner, blazoned over on its ample folds. They have become rallying notes in our public discussions, the sign-boards, the beacon lights, the grand landmarks of our polity as an old, stable and national party. This is the marvellous good fortune of the Democracy. It can never perish so long as it clings so these landmarks, nor can the laws and liberties of the people perish so long as they steadily re-inforce the good old party on this wise career.

The Democracy! There is something electric about that appellation. It is blended with our greatest civil and military achievements. It is blended with the eagle flight of the young nation from one ocean to the other. It is crowned with the memories of statesmen and heroes. Under its auspices the country steadily won a foremost place among the nations of the earth, and if ever this nation is to survive the shocks of civil convulsion, still a free and united people, it will be under the fortunate star of the same old law-loving and people-loving party. May it be perpetual!

### THE SOLDIER VOTE.

On this subject, after some preliminary remarks on the decision of the Supreme Court, concurred in by Judge Reed, a very ardent Republican, the Clinton Democrat says: The Democrats will go further than the Republicans dare. They will give the soldiers of the army the right to elect their own leaders. Their own generals will be elected by the administration at Washington denies to the Army of the Potomac, one of the bravest and best in the world, the privilege of being commanded by the man they want, yet the Republicans have the effrontery to set themselves up as peculiarly the soldiers' friend! The truth is, the Republicans, as a party have no true friendship for the soldiers as a body, Lincoln and Curtin both literally surrounded them with robber bands, in the shape of army contractors, sutlers, &c., who plundered and defrauded them at every opportunity. No matter how much the thieves are exposed, the dignitaries named, still keep them in position, and thereby become as criminal as they—participate criminals, as the lawyers say.

This cry of the Republicans in favor of soldier voting arises simply from the fact that they expect their administration to officer the army with Republican generals, (as has been done to a very great extent,) who will prohibit the circulation of Democratic newspapers and documents within their respective commands, (as is now generally done,) and admit Republican and exclude Democratic orators from their lines, so that the soldier may see only the Republican side of the question. By this means they hope to command high vote, and it is only for these reasons that they desire to give him such right.

If upon the approach of the election it may be deemed safe and practicable to permit every Pennsylvania soldier—we say every one, not only Republicans but ALL—to return to their respective abodes to vote, we say let that be done. It would be a just compliment to the manly soldier. But, if any, let all come. To pick out the Republicans to come home, and require the Democrats to remain in rank, would be a gross and indecent fraud. Let everything be fairly done. Then the Democrats will not complain though every soldier should vote against them.

The same paper contains the following: A SOLDIER'S VOICE.—A letter written to Mr. Henry Shaffer, of Sinnemahoning, by Mr. Smith Beers, formerly a Republican, now in the army as a soldier, has been forwarded to us for publication. Its length and the crowded state of our columns at the time of its reception prevent this, but we make the following emphatic extract from it, to wit:

"Brother Shaffer, exhort every Democrat to go to the polls this fall and do his duty with a view to the restoration of the Democracy depends the fate of our government. Although we do not elect a President this fall yet we elect a Governor, who may hold Ann and his Cabinet in check until we can get a Democratic President reinstated. Then we may hope that the government will be reconstituted, and the old Constitution will again be the supreme law of the land. May God bless the Democrats, and give them good success, and may they yet succeed in saving the government, is a sincere prayer of a soldier."  
"SMITH BEERS."

### Noble words fully spoken!

### NEGRO SOLDIERS.

The most persistent and magnificent lying of this whole war has been in connection with the conduct of the negro troops at the siege of Fort Hudson. It was the first occasion in which the negroes were engaged in the field, and the Abolitionists seem to have had their romances already to circulate as soon as the fight was over. Even General Banks lent his name to add to the public delusion. We have already given the official figures of the killed and wounded on that occasion, which showed very ordinary fighting, but the following extract from a letter written by the colonel of the Fifty-Second Massachusetts Volunteers settles the matter:

"The reports of the fighting of negro soldiers at Fort Hudson on the 27th of May, which had gained currency throughout the country—