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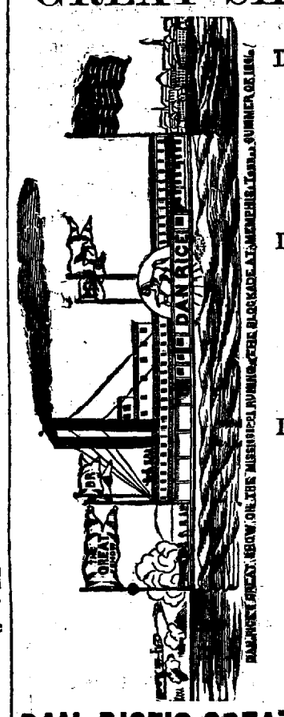

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We have been compelled to raise the club subscription price to one dollar and fifty cents in order to save ourselves from actual loss. Paper has risen, including taxes, about twenty-five per cent., and is still rising; and when we tell our Democratic 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 subscriptions, go to work with a will 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 lend us his aid in running our subscription list up to twenty or thirty thousand. The expense to 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 throw 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

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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 the news.

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Published every Thursday.

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Ten copies to one address.....15 00

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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:

(*See Little, Brown & Co.'s edition of the Laws of* 1860, *page* 38, *chapter* 181, *section* 1.)

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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. jel3-3m

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LADIES TRAVELING,
MARKET,
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MESSRS. CHICKERING & CO.
HAVE AGAIN OBTAINED THE
GOLD MEDAL!
AT THE
MECHANICS' FAIR, BOSTON,
HELD THE PRECEDING WEEK,
OVER SIXTY COMPETITORS!
Warerooms for the CHICKERING PIANOS, at Harrisburg, at 22 Market street,
oct22-tf W. KNOCHE'S MUSIC STORE.

The Patriot & Union.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 6, 1863.

LETTERS FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Soldiers! Read, Reflect, and then Vote.

Thousands of Pennsylvania soldiers have been furloughed to come home and vote. These furloughs have been granted only, or mainly to those who were supposed to be favorable to the election of Curtin. Those in power intend to make political as well as military machines of the rank and file—they intend to use them at the polls as well as in the field. In short they mean to make the soldiers their instruments to enslave the country. The policy of Lincoln and Curtin is freedom to the negro—slavery to the white man. But once at home—once in his election district—the soldier is free from restraint; he is free to think and to act—and we ask him to do so. "Strike, but hear me," were the words of a great Athenian—Read, think, inform yourself before you vote, are the words we address to the brave soldiers of Pennsylvania.

CAMP OF FIFTH RESERVES,
Near Culpepper, Va., Oct. 1, 1863.

To the Editors of the Patriot and Union:—A friend sent me a copy of the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, of the 25th ult., containing a letter from the Fifth Reserve, signed "W. Hayes Grier, First Sergeant Company A, Fifth Reserves," &c., &c., &c. It is a little singular, that when a sneak wishes to tell an infamous falsehood or slander a decent man, he always selects the Hessian's paper as the means of spreading his filth before the public.

It is not necessary to make any response to Grier's nonsense about his former Democracy further than to state that he always was an outspoken Democrat up to a certain time—after a certain promotion had been made; when he suddenly threw his principles to the winds and covered himself with the Shoddy mantle. No one here thinks that the party has sustained any loss by the change; but the excuse that it was done through patriotic motives is too absurd to be covered by a shoddy blanket.

He next tells the Hessian that Curtin "has done all in his power to aid the Reserves."—The Reserve Corps was organized in pursuance of a law of the Pennsylvania Legislature.—The men composing the division had all asked to be taken into the service of the country under the three months' call, but the bungling policy of the War Department prevented that; hence, as soon as this law authorizing a reserve corps in Pennsylvania was passed, these same companies, which had been previously tendered, were accepted, and organized into what has since been known as the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, for the defence of Pennsylvania soil. I have never been able to see what part the Governor took in their organization that should entitle him to the vast amount of honor he claims.

But if you will refer to the files of the Hessian's paper of May and June, 1861, as well as to your own paper of that date, you will learn something about the condition of the Reserves while they lay in camp under the exclusive care and control—and under the very nose—of this patent "soldier's friend." The appearance of the men in Camp Curtin was a disgrace to the State. Any citizen of Harrisburg who visited the camp during this period will confirm this. Many of the men ran bareheaded and bare-footed for weeks. Company commanders had to have an "inspection" every evening, to see how many of their men were fit, or unfit, to appear on "*dress* parade" before the ladies—the "naked" being sent into their tents until the parade was over. It is a disgraceful fact, that not a stitch of clothing was issued to the soldiers of the Bucktail and Fifth regiments until they had been turned over to the General Government and had received orders to march for Cumberland, New Creek, &c., nor did they receive a cent of pay until after they had left the State. Their whole term of "State service" was spent in a state of raggedness and filth almost as bad as that of Libby prison. Governor Curtin—the "soldier's friend"—was appealed to *in vain* for even a few pairs of shoes for men who were drilling on their bare feet. His answer to such appeals was, that nothing could be issued to the men until after they had been mustered in; yet he persistently refused to have them mustered.

From all the accounts published in the papers of both parties, the men encamped in other parts of the State fared no better—perhaps worse. The loudest complaints came from Easton, I believe.

I have no means of knowing what may have been the inward emotions of the Governor towards the division, since he handed it over to the General Government. They were perhaps of the most paternal nature. But, if so, what have they amounted to? The Reserves have always marched when the army marched, and fought when the army fought—and sometimes fought alone. Our sick and wounded are with those of other divisions in the different hospitals of the country. Our dead lie side by side with those of all the States of the Union. The number of men now in the division, when compared with the number in it then, is sad evidence that, if the Governor is sincere in his professions of friendship, his influence at Washington is small indeed!

There was a kind of a vote taken in the Fifth regiment a few weeks ago. I never knew what the result was until it was published by this "*First* Sergeant," &c. The Democrats almost to a man declined to give any serious answer when the question was asked them. But I will state, for this young up-start's benefit, that he has *one* company on his list as being unanimous for Curtin which contains a majority of four for Woodward. If the other companies of the regiment, his own included, were allowed to vote this fall, they would vote in a manner that would make even the "First Sergeant of Company A" ashamed of his vile slanders on better men and braver soldiers than himself. The "fighting men" of the Fifth do not think it is any part of an officers duty to question them as to their political principles; neither do they entrust their opinions on such matters to those whose business it is to report every idle word spoken in the company at the officers' quarters.

The writer of this, like Grier, came to the war a Democrat; like him, he threw down the "stick and rule" and took up a musket; but I have certainly seen nothing during two years and a half of army life to cause me to forsake the party now when it is engaged in such a glorious cause as the preservation of our Constitution and laws.

If Judge Woodward is elected this fall, Pennsylvania will once more become a State, and will *then* protect her own soil and her own property. He is not the man to stand sobbing like a whipped child on the banks of the Susquehanna while the rebels plunder the richest portions of our State, and while Pennsylvania soldiers are begging in vain for the *privilege* of driving the invader back to the barren fields of Virginia. What a proud day it will be for us all when Judge Woodward takes the seat now occupied by Andy Curtin! MUSKET.

CAMP NEAR RAPID ANN RIVER,
October 1st, 1863.

Editors Patriot and Union:—Last winter, while lying along the banks of the Rappahannock, I wrote you respecting the opinion of the army in regard to the removal of M'Clellan, and now I will try and write you regarding the manner the "powers that be" are making a political machine of the Army of the Potomac, for the advancement of Andy Curtin. It is but a few days ago since there was an election held here to elect a Governor, for the State of Pennsylvania. We all know that that vote will never be counted, and the query is, why is this vote cast? I will tell you. The cause of Curtin at home is desperate, and unless some great card is played soon he will be consigned to private life. The card they yet hold is, the effect the soldier vote will have on those at home. This is a deep game, but I do not think it will win. New let me tell you how this "soldier vote" was obtained: The officers of each company have a list of their men; they go to each personally and ask him who he will vote for; if for Curtin, all right; if for Woodward, he is told he can vote for who he pleases, but if he votes for Woodward he can never expect any favor from those who wear shoulder straps. Again, he is told that Woodward voted against allowing the soldiers the right of voting; whereas the truth is he only decided on the constitutionality of the law. With such arguments as these, is it any wonder men are brought to *think* that Curtin is the man? Let a man vote for Woodward, and he is given to understand that *his* life in the army will be anything but pleasant. O ain't this a manly game? Ain't it a glorious privilege to be servants for such leaders? Our cause may be a noble one—but there is little of the *true* nobility in those who lead us. I voted for George W. Woodward, and I never expect a favor while I am in the army. I am a soldier—I am a Democrat, and I will never yield my conscience to any men, or set of political demagogues. I have no favors to ask—I have never asked one. I may have a hard life, but there may be a good time coming. I will trust in the future, and I know there is a noble and true band who are with me. I may fall on the field of battle, but I am ever, till my latest breath, a friend of the Union and a Democrat. I may be called a Copperhead, I may be called a traitor, but if I am one now I will live and die one. Our first duty is the one we owe our God, the next the one we owe our country.

My friends at home are called traitors, and I can stand it; and I look to that noble band who are enduring all men can for the sake of principle, to yet bring deliverance to the country. I am for "the Union as it was," and I am for "the Constitution as it is." Let lying, slanderous Abolition journals do their worst—let them laugh at a set of men *called* soldiers, break up Democratic meetings—but soon, too soon for them, will come the reckoning. Democrats, be on your guard, be ever ready for any emergency. There is a game working for your destruction. You must not sleep now, or you will awake in chains. Your country calls for help—the good old life-boat is in the hands of those who would destroy it—but remember, the Union must be preserved, and you must be its preservers. Stand firm, falter not. You are about to be successful at last. Be true to yourselves, be true to your country, and posterity will bless you. You have an interest in your country's welfare nearer, truer, deeper, than all mankind beside. You know no North, South, East or West—you know only your country. You are for peace—but only such as will unite, not divide the country. The twin partners of iniquity, Abolitionism and Secession, are *both* your enemies, and you will yet sink them into a grave from which no political resurrection will ever raise them. Then with your might, your heart and hand, go into the great work, determined to win. Raise high your good old hickories, run up the stars and stripes, and let there be inscribed on its silken folds the names of Woodward and Lowrie. O! that I had the eloquence of a Clay, to warn you of your danger.

The sun shines brightly now, the clouds are fast disappearing in the political horizon.—Democrats, you know your duty; fail not to do it. Let not threats deter you in your onward march to victory. Be firm—work earnestly—and when the second Tuesday of October arrives, let it find you *ready*. If force is used to keep you from the polls, or to cheat you out of your vote—force must be met with force. Let not the election in Pennsylvania be controlled the same as it was in Kentucky. You have *rights*, and you *must maintain them*: Then, with three cheers for Woodward and Lowrie, and three times three for the Union and the Constitution, go in for victory and for right.

A PRIVATE IN THE
ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISES.

Mr. Lincoln's letter to the Springfield (Illinois) Convention, which is now being widely published and flatteringly endorsed by the Republican press, contains the following sentence:

"Negroes, like other people, act upon motives. Why should they do anything for us, if we will do nothing for them?—If they stake their lives for us, they must be prompted by the strongest motives—even the promise of freedom; and, *the promise being made, must be kept.*"

As he has such a strong desire to keep his "promise" with negroes, we respectfully call his attention to the following "promise" made by him to the white men of the country in his Inaugural Address:

"I do but quote from my speeches when *I declare that 'I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists.* I BELIEVE I HAVE NO LAWFUL RIGHT TO DO SO, AND I HAVE NO INCLINATION TO DO SO.' Those who nominated and elected me did so with full knowledge that I had made this and many similar declarations, and had never recanted them.

"*I now reiterate these sentiments;* and in doing so, I only press upon the public attention the most conclusive evidence of which the case is susceptible, that the *property*, peace and security of no section are to be in any wise endangered by the now incoming administration. I add, too, that all the protection which, consistently, with the Constitution and laws, can be given, will be cheerfully given to all the States when lawfully demanded, for whatever cause—as cheerfully to one section as to another.

* * * "I take the official oath today with *no mental reservations*, and with no purpose to construe the Constitution and laws by any hypocritical rules."

We trust that the President will lose no time in giving an explanation why he has violated this pledge so solemnly made to white men, and yet holds fast to the one given to the Negro in the Emancipation Proclamation. Is a "promise" to negroes really more binding than one to white men?—*Exchange.*