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THE NATIONAL PLATFORM! PURPOSES OF THE WAR!

CONGRESS, BY A VOICE NEARLY UNANIMOUS, HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, WHICH EXPRESSES THE VOICE OF THE NATION...

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Democratic State Convention. In accordance with a resolution of the Democratic State Executive Committee...

Great rejoicing was evinced in Bloomsburg, last Monday, on receipt of the news of the UNION VICTORIES in the South...

HIRAM KEEN, Boatman from Nescopeck, Luzerne county, was on Tuesday night last, burned to death in his boat at Pittston.

A TRIBUTE to the Memory of Mrs. J. W. CAMPBELL, of Beach Grove, by S. H. Jenkins, will appear in the next "Columbia Democrat."

READ the powerful Address of the Democratic Members of Congress, on our first page, to the Democracy of the United States. Read it everybody. Read it, "No-party, Republicans."

Peterson's Ladies National Magazine, for June, is a magnificent number. Its plates of fashion are unexcelled in the beauty of the Art and richness of design.

We have received the May No. of the Farmer and Gardener. It is a neatly printed and interesting Agricultural Magazine, and the only work of the kind published in our State.

Mr. C. K. HUGHES, keeps a good Public House, at Town Hill, in the county of Luzerne. His Hotel is capacious, fitted up in fine order, and well kept, with an excellent new large stable attached to premises.

A. R. VAN UREAN, Esq., publishes an excellent paper at Lebanon, Ohio, entitled the "Democratic Citizen." The way it shows up the coward B. F. WADE, whom the fearless VALLANDIGHAM recently pronounced "a liar, scoundrel and coward," is a caution to all abolition sinners.

RAIL ROAD ACCIDENT.—A Coal Train on the L. & B. R. R., on Thursday last, ran over a cow, between Bloomsburg and Danville, throwing the engine into the Canal and instantly killed the Breaksman, severing his head from his body.

Why Don't Doctor John, publish the letter of Col. WRIGHT, addressed to his constituents. We have waited two weeks for him to do so, but lo! he is mum on that subject. Surely he cannot so soon repudiate the man over whose election he last season rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

SIGNER BLITZ, the world-renowned Magician, gave two of his celebrated performances, on Thursday last, in the Court House at Bloomsburg. They were exceedingly entertaining and well appreciated by his immense audiences.

COPPER ERRODIUM PENS.—Mr. De Wolf, the manufacturer of the above named Pens, has shown us a few specimens of the article, and we are free to say, that they write free and easy.

More Goods in Jerseytown. Col. NEAL MCCOY, announces the receipt of New Goods, in the Columbia Democrat. He invites the attention of Dairy-men, Farmers, etc., to furnish him Butter and Produce.

JOHN in the Wilderness, next week. A Lot of neatly printed Blanks of all kinds, for sale at this office.

Army Correspondence.

CAMP NEAR YORKTOWN, 5th Penn. Cavalry, May 10, 1862. MR. EDITOR:—I sit in my canvas house, to inform you of our movement to Yorktown, and of its fortification and the vicinity.

On last Sunday, we were ordered by the Bugle and we listened to the notice and found to our surprise it was the General, that is to strike tents and get ready for a march.

On Sunday night, at 10 o'clock, it commenced to rain, and having no tents up, in the morning we looked like drowned rats. We had not a stitch of clothes on us that was dry.

Yesterday we visited the spot where WASHINGTON has his Headquarters in his time at Yorktown. It has got a beautiful fence around it, and a poplar tree, which I have no doubt was planted while his Headquarters were there.

The houses composing Yorktown are nineteen, and look as if they had been built in the year 1. As I was going along the bank of the river, I saw a man lying there and a soldier sitting by his side.

The man told me they were on the advance of the army and the rebels in full retreat, the artillery of the enemy turned and fired, and the regiment this Captain belonged to, laid down and was kept there full fifteen minutes under the heavy firing of the enemy.

It is the opinion here that secess is about played out, and that this war will come to a close by the first of July, if not sooner. Some of the prisoners say that rebel General McCruder does not draw a sober breath, and that at Yorktown he had "the man-with-the-poker" after him.

They report that the rebel army is disheartened and will not fight, if they can get out of it. They said that one Brigade threw down their arms and would not fight, and McCruder had the artillery brought to bear on them and told them that they had to fight or he would blow them to hell.

Will correspondents oblige us by writing shorter and plainer. That is it. Please remember.—[Ed.]

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We are in receipt of the June Lady's Book. As usual ahead of time. Godey's Lady's Book is the model Magazine of the United States.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, April 4, 1862. EVENING SESSION.

The House re-assembled at 7 o'clock P. M. REPORTS AND BILLS.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I ask leave to offer a resolution at this time. This was to take up the apportionment Bill, which was run through by the mongrel party as a perfect gerrymander, and by which means they disfranchised the Democracy of the State.

On the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were required by Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Moore, and were as follows, viz: YEAS.—Messrs. Abbot, Armstrong, Barron, Beaver, Beebe, Bigham, Brown, (Mercer), Busby, Chatham, Cochran, Dennis, Divins, Donley, (Greene), Dougherty, Freeland, Gamble, Gross, Happer, Henry, Hoffer, Hoover, Hutelman, Kennedy, Lehman, McCallan, Myers, Neiman, Peters, Petteiger, Ramsey, Rhoads, Ritter, Ross, (Luzerne), Ross, (Mifflin), Schrock, Scott, Sellers, Shannon, Smith, (Chester), Smith, (Philadelphia), Strang, Wakefield, Warner, Williams, Wintley, Windle, Worley and Rowe, Speaker—48.

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the country anything that will add to the depression which we are now suffering.

Mr. RITTER, (Snyder,) I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the time has passed for the Pennsylvania Legislature to allow any foreign transportation company to mine coal in this State.

Mr. FREELAND, (Dauphin,) the gentleman from Snyder, Mr. Ritter, is mistaken. This is not a foreign company; it is a company of our own State and our own town.

Mr. RITTER, (Snyder,) Whether it is a foreign company or not, it is all the same. Transportation companies should not be allowed to mine coal.

Mr. FREELAND, (Dauphin,) This is not the case of a company now having a road and desiring to have the privilege of mining coal. The company now have no road, but they want the privilege of making a road for the purpose of transporting their coal.

Mr. FREELAND, (Dauphin,) It is not intended that this company shall carry any coal whatever. The Shamokin Valley road carries the coal. This bill merely contemplates mining privileges.

Mr. ROWLAND, I hope that this amendment will be adopted. Only this morning the House almost unanimously showed their disposition to interfere with rights that had already been granted to certain corporations.

Mr. RUSSELL, If the gentleman from Dauphin, (Mr. Freeland,) will assure me that this road is merely a road of three or four miles to connect with another, I will withdraw my objection.

Mr. BROWN, (Northumberland,) I have been endeavoring to obtain the act of 1859, in relation to this company. I have not been able to find that act; but I have understood from two Senators that the act of 1859 gave the company the right to build a road twenty miles in length; and those Senators stated that if they had known that this bill contained the clause giving the company the right to mine coal, they would have opposed the bill in the Senate.

Mr. RUSSELL, I hope that this bill, with the amendment, will be postponed. On the amendment of Mr. Brown, (Northumberland,) The yeas and nays were required by Mr. BROWN, (Northumberland,) and Mr. CALDWELL, and were as follows, viz: YEAS.—Messrs. Bates, Beaver, Boileau, Brown, (Northumberland,) Caldwell, Divins, Donley, (Greene), Duffield, Gaskill, Graham, Greenbank, Hess, Hoover, Hopkins, (Philadelphia,) Joseph, Kline, Lichtenwaller, M'Callan, M'Kinn, M'Namus, Neiman, Pershing, Petteiger, Quigley, Rhoads, Ross, (Mifflin), Ross, (Luzerne), Ross, (Chester), Smith, (Chester), Smith, (Philadelphia), Strang, Vincent, Warner, Williams, Windle, Worley and Rowe, Speaker—39.

Mr. FREELAND, (Dauphin,) I hope this amendment will not be adopted. Mr. BROWN, (Northumberland,) The House this morning, by a unanimous vote, passed a joint resolution requiring the Attorney General to institute proceedings against the Delaware and Hudson canal company and the Pennsylvania coal company for the purpose of repealing their charter or annulling the contract giving them the right to mine coal.

Mr. BROWN, (Northumberland,) moved to amend by inserting the following as an additional section: That the stockholders of said company shall be privately and individually liable in their individual capacities for all debts and recovered as provided in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sections of the act incorporating the Lackawanna iron and coal company, approved April 15th, A. D. 1853.

Mr. FREELAND, I do not think the gentleman for his courtesy in offering this amendment, although I shall not oppose it. The amendment was agreed to. Mr. FREELAND moved to suspend the

rules in order to read the bill a third time.

Mr. HOPKINS, Philadelphia. I hope that the rules will not be suspended. The representatives from Columbia Northumberland and Luzerne are opposed to the passage of this bill; and why, when their constituents are directly interested, should we force this bill upon them without a single amendment? I hope that the House will at least refuse to suspend the rules.

Mr. FREELAND, I hope that the rule will be suspended, and that this bill will be put on its passage. Mr. HOPKINS, Philadelphia. I would ask the gentleman from Dauphin to explain how it is that while this bill seems to interest the representatives from Columbia and Northumberland, neither of those representatives has charged it, and that Dauphin must take charge of their interest.

Mr. FREELAND, The whole matter originates in this town. The persons who own the lands are here. Northumberland has nothing to do with it; neither has Columbia.

Mr. BROWN, Northumberland, in reply to the gentleman from Dauphin I will say that in the Senate, this bill was in charge of the Senator from Northumberland. The bill was passed in that body, as I have remarked, without it being observed that it gave the company the right to mine coal. That being discovered, that Senator came to me last evening and requested me to have this provision stricken out.

Mr. TATE, Columbia, The course of this House, the last few hours, is certainly an anomaly in the history of legislation. It strikes me, as a most remarkable proceeding that the gentleman from Dauphin should attempt to rush through this House a bill like this so vitally affecting the interests of Northumberland and Columbia counties, regardless of the people's remonstrances against the great outrages which this company doubtless intend to perpetrate upon the citizens of those districts.

Mr. BROWN, Northumberland, Where transporting companies are allowed the privilege of mining coal, it gives them an advantage over private operators, from the fact that they can ship their coal to market and undersell private operators, because the company may exact from these private operators a very heavy freight on their coal.

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Let them answer to themselves, their country and their God in the great day.

Mr. STRANG, I desire to vote understandingly on this question; and in order to do so, I desire to ask the gentleman from Northumberland a question. This bill provides, simply, that this company shall have the privilege of mining coal on their own lands. Now, to understand how the constituents of the gentleman from Northumberland are to be unfavorably affected by this provision.

Mr. BROWN, Northumberland, I will answer the gentleman. There are a number of my constituents who own lands adjoining the land on which it is proposed to locate this road. It is their intention, after a while, when times become better, to open mines in that country, and as a matter of course, their means of getting their coal to market will depend entirely upon this road. They will be compelled to pay whatever amount of freight the company may see proper to charge. If this company engage also in mining coal they will have such an advantage over private operators as must prove almost destructive to the latter. As I have said, I cannot see where would be the consistency of passing this bill, when this morning passed a joint resolution calling upon the Attorney General to take measures for annulling the contract giving the Delaware and Hudson canal company the right to mine coal.

Mr. ROSS, Luzerne, The action of the House this morning was only for the purpose of authorizing the Attorney General to test the validity of the contract between the Delaware and Hudson canal company and the Pennsylvania coal company. It involved nothing about mining at all.

Mr. BROWN, Northumberland, I have the exact words of the resolution here.—It was a resolution requiring the Attorney General to institute proceedings to repeal the charter or annul the contract of the Delaware and Hudson canal company and the Pennsylvania coal company, on account of their charter giving them the privilege of mining coal.

Mr. STRANG, Where companies thus mine coal and conflict with the interests of individuals, does it amount to anything more than the ordinary competition between owners of lands who wish to operate and to improve them?

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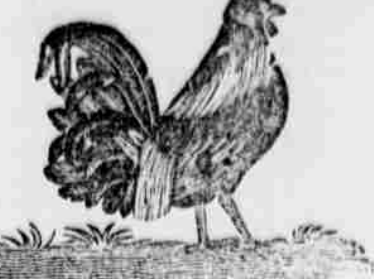
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Democratic Victory!

A special election was held on Saturday last, in the Borough of Berwick, for the election of a Justice of the Peace. The candidates were JAMES JACOBY, Democrat, and Geo. W. STYER, Republican.

Dr. John, has entirely omitted to mention this glorious democratic victory, after having announced in his machine, that if party issues were made, the Republicans would achieve a handsome victory.

Meeting of the Democratic Standing Committee. At a meeting of the Democratic Standing Committee of Columbia county, held in Bloomsburg, on Monday, May 5th, 1862, it was on motion, unanimously Resolved, That we cordially approve of the course of our late Representatives in the State Legislature, Col. LEVI L. TATE and Hon. Geo. S. TITTON, and believe that they honestly, ably and faithfully represented the wishes of the Democratic party, and merit the approbation of every loyal citizen in the four counties of this Representative District.

Resolved, That John G. Freeze, of Columbia county, be, with the consent of the counties of Montour, Northumberland and Snyder, be appointed the Senatorial Delegate from the Thirtieth Senatorial District to the Democratic State Convention, to meet in the city of Harrisburg July 4th 1862; and that he be instructed to support Hon. LEVI L. TATE of Columbia county, for nomination to the office of Surveyor General.

Resolved, That Peter Est of Columbia county, be, with the consent of Montour, Sullivan and Wyoming counties, is hereby appointed one of the Representative Delegates from the District composed of the above named counties, to the Democratic State Convention, to meet in Harrisburg, July 4th 1862; and that he be instructed to support Hon. LEVI L. TATE of Columbia county for nomination to the office of Surveyor General.

On motion the meeting adjourned. WM. H. JACOBY, Chairman.

MARRIAGES.

On the 17th inst. by Rev. W. G. Irish, in Orangeville, Mr. Samuel Matlock, of Bloomsburg, to Miss Letitia Matlock, of Jerseytown, Columbia county. In witness whereof, we have signed these presents, at Bloomsburg, Pa., this 17th day of May, 1862, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. Wm. H. Jacobs, Minister of the Gospel, and J. H. Jacobs, Clerk of the same.

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