

THE PRESERVATION OF THE CONSTITUTION,
THE RESTORATION OF THE UNION,
AND THE SUPREMACY OF THE LAWS.

WE CLING TO THE CONSTITUTION, AS THE
SHIPWRECKED MARINER CLINGS TO THE LAST
PLANK, WHEN NIGHT AND THE TEMPEST CLOSE
AROUND HIM.—Darius Weiser.

NO BODY OF TROOPS IN THE ARMY OF THE
UNITED STATES, OR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH
SHALL BE PRESENT, EITHER ARMED OR UN-
ARMED, AT ANY PLACE OF ELECTION WITHIN
THIS COMMONWEALTH, DURING THE TIME OF
SUCH ELECTION.—28th Sec. of Act of Assembly, 2nd July
1859.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS

FOR GOVERNOR,
GEORGE W. WOODWARD,
OF LUZERNE COUNTY.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,
WALTER H. LOWRIE,
OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

FOR SENATOR,
DAVID B. MONTGOMERY,
OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

FOR ASSEMBLY,
GEORGE D. JACKSON,
OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

JOHN C. ELLIS,
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

PROTHONOTARY,
JESSE COLEMAN,
OF ORANGE.

REGISTER & RECORDER,
JOHN G. FREEZE,
OF ELMOR.

TREASURER,
DANIEL McHENRY,
OF FISHINGCREEK.

COMMISSIONER,
THOS. J. VANDERSLICE,
OF HEMLOCK.

AUDITOR,
JOHN R. YOHE,
OF MIFFLIN.

CORONER,
WM. T. SHUMAN,
OF CATAWISSA.

READ the speech of Judge BLACK on
our first page. It is magnificent.

Dr. Pumpkin John has a long
article, calling on everybody to come out
and vote on the Constitutional Amend-
ments, which are not up to be voted on at
all, this fall. The simpleton will never
find it out however, unless he goes up
into the back townships. They know
there what is to be voted on, as he will
find when the returns come in.

Abolition Nominations.

Senator.—Geo. H. WILLETS, Columbia.
Assembly.—Capt. Michael Whitmoyer,
of Columbia, and Samuel Boudman, of
Montour county.

That is the shape of the animal—the
opposition to the Democratic Nominations.
We premise them overwhelming defeat
and political annihilation. DAVID B.
MONTGOMERY, our candidate for Senator
will defeat Mr. Willets, by at least 3,500
majority, and Messrs. ELLIS & JACKSON,
will certainly defeat Messrs. Whitmoyer
& Boudman, for Representatives, by over
3,000 majority.

The Draft.

It seems to be held that each man is to
report on the day stated in the notice.
He must report himself ready to go
into the service, offer his substitute, or pay
his \$300.—Commutation money.

He has the right to claim exemption for
physical or other reasons first.—If he fail
—Then he can offer his substitute—or if
he have none, he can pay.

We advise all our friends to call on
DIETERICK & HUSTON, who will see that
their claims are fairly presented and heard.
They have an office in Troy.

N. B.—Drafted men will have to leave
Bloomsburg, the day before, in order to
reach Troy on the day appointed.

A couple of newly-fledged, Know
Nothing, Wide Awake, young republicans,
who but lately imported themselves into
Columbia County, have been commissioned
by Dr. Pee John to go up the creek and
enlighten those back townships. We trust
our Democratic friends will go and hear
them defend the Shoddy Contracts of Cur-
tin, the Sunbury and Erie swindle, the
abstraction of the Bond from the Attorney
General's office; hear them laud the tem-
perance of their candidate, and his strength
among the people; and explain away his
promise not to sign the rail road bills and
then go and sign them.

Wilkesbarre Meeting.

There will be a great Democratic Mass
Meeting on the 6th day of October at
Wilkesbarre, held under the auspices of
the Democratic Executive Committee of
Luzerne County. Distinguished speakers
will be in attendance, and it will be an
occasion to invite persons from a distance.
We are told that arrangements have been
made with the Rail Road Company to
convey those going and returning from
the meeting at reduced rates. Among
others, JOSEPH C. BUCHER, Esq., of Lew-
isburg will speak.

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A VOICE FROM THE ARMY.

The following extract from a letter was
written by a volunteer in the army, who
went out a member of the Republican
party, but cannot longer stand the course
resorted to by that party. He went to
fight for the Union—now he feels he is
fighting only that the negro may be set
free:
CAMP NEAR WASHINGTON VA Sept 6th, 1863.

Editor of the Democrat:
"It has been a long time since I heard
from you, and as the election is close at
hand, I have concluded to write you a few
lines. I hope and pray to God that the
Democratic party may carry the day, for
that is the only hope and salvation of our
country. In the election of G. W. Wood-
ward, of the old Keystone, we might begin
to hope. I believe he is a good man, and
it is the wish of almost every soldier
to be at home to vote for him, but alas!
we cannot be there. But we look with
longing and with prayers to you at home
to give aid to us soldiers on the field by
electing Woodward. Oh just God! has
not the radical Abolition Republican party
held the reins of Government for two years
and what do we see at the end? Nothing
but blood, and still they cry for blood—
Go to the polls, my dear friend, and vote
for Woodward, and entice all good men to
go and vote for the soldier, and call on all
Democrats, if any there be, to return to their
duty. Ask them to listen to warning
voice of a soldier. The time will come
when they will wish to God they had never
proved traitors to their party. Let me
warn you as you love the soldier in the
field; let me counsel you to go to the election
and vote the Democratic ticket—
Woodward and Lowrie. Oh God! help
us to win the victory—then we shall have
an honorable peace. Then will our blood
not be spilled in vain; and we shall then
have the consciousness of knowing that we
are fighting for the Union and the Consti-
tution. 'Tis a voice from the army. Oh
heed its pleadings. I have nothing of im-
portance to write, in a military point of
view
J. D. T."

Very respectfully,
RUFUS E. SHAPLEY,
Chairman Democratic Standing Commit-
tee of Cumberland county.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21, 1863.
Rufus E. Shapley, Esq.,
Dear Sir: Just returned from Easton,
where I went to attend the funeral of our
much lamented friend, the Hon. Richard
Broadhead, I find your favor of the 18th,
informing me of a story which Mr. Todd
produced at a public meeting after obtain-
ing it through a channel which is not
specified.

There is not a word of truth in the
story. I know not Judge Hall, and can-
not remember that I ever knew a man of
that name.

So far from ever avowing belief in seces-
sion or favoring recognition of Southern
Confederacy, I am, and always have been,
opposed to both, and am in favor of sup-
pressing the rebellion by which both are
supported.

My life has been spent, thus far, in up-
holding the Constitution of the United
States as the Fathers framed it—the
Union they formed—and the Constitution
and laws of the State; and whatever of
life remains to me will be devoted to the
same ends, whether it be spent in public
or private life. Neither secession nor the
malignant fanaticism that caused it will
ever find an advocate in me.

Trusting that this is a sufficient answer
to the column you allude to, I remain,
dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
GEO. W. WOODWARD.

Mifflinville Democratic Meeting

A Democratic Mass Meeting was held
upon the Public Square, in Mifflinville,
Columbia county, on Saturday, the 19th
of September. The Ladies were out in
large numbers. Many of the adjoining
townships also sent in large delegations
of live Democrats. Officers:—
President.—SAMUEL CREASY, Esq.,
C. H. Hess, Wm. Pettit, L. Eckroth,
Jacob Schwenpfeiser, P. Smith, Samuel
Smoyer, H. Hettler, C. Klingaman, Jacob
Yohe, Jr., C. Kirkendall, Jacob Hartzel,
Sr., and S. Dieterick, Vice Presidents.

Wm. Krickbaum, and S. V. Dieterick,
Secretaries.

On motion, Hon. LEVI L. TATE, was
invited to address the meeting. In re-
sponse, he delivered a lengthy and patriotic
address. His remarks were pertinent to
the occasion and received with hearty
applause. Col. Tate then introduced
DANIEL ERMENTROUT, Esq., of old
Berks. He is a noble and patriotic young
democrat, full of zeal, fire and energy.—
Mr. ErmentROUT, also delivered a lengthy
and very interesting address—speaking
in English and German.

The Democracy were gratified with the
remarks of the speakers and returned a
vote of hearty thanks for their faithful
labors in the cause of Constitutional Lib-
erty. Not so with the Abolitionists.—
They fairly wined under the power of
truth and the exposition of their corrup-
tions.

The meeting adjourned with three
hearty cheers for Woodward, Lowrie and
Liberty.
S. CREASY, Pres't.

Workingmen

Where is the bill that Curtin recommen-
ded the late Democratic Legislature to
pass, and which it did pass, ordering the
companies you labor for to pay you in
money and not in orders?

We say again, the late Democratic Leg-
islature passed that bill, and it went to
Governor Curtin for his signature.—It has
never been signed, and is now in his
breches pocket.

Why is it not now a law—so that you
can get your wages in money? Because
the Iron Masters and large Corporations
said to Curtin: "If you sign that bill in
favor of the poor workingman, we will
throw our influence against you at the
election. We went for you before, and
will again, but that act must not become
a law."

So Curtin took care of the Iron Mas-
ters.—Workingmen, take care of Curtin.
Your interest are not safe in his hands.
Democrats pass the law—Curtin refuses
to sign it.

A Patriotic Subscriber.

The letter below is from a live Demo-
crat, in Carbon county, and speaks a com-
mon sentiment:
September 28, 1863.

COL. TATE,
Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find
\$2 00 for which continue my subscription
another year. A fish could about as well
exist out of water as a Democrat could
thrive without the time honored teachings
promulgated by an independent Editor
and a Free Press. For the maintenance
of these inestimable privileges, it may be,
white-men will again have to "peril their
lives, their fortunes and their sacred hon-
ors." Send on the old "Columbia Demo-
crat," as there is something irresistible in
its teachings, and its visits are always
most welcome.
I. K. McK.

Reducing the State Debt.—Gov.
Curtin, notwithstanding the war, has paid
nearly a million dollars of our State debt.

We clip the above from the Pittsburgh
Commercial of Monday. Gov. Curtin has
had nothing at all to do with paying the
State debt or managing the finances of the
State—a Democratic State Treasurer and
a Democratic Auditor General have the
finances of the State in charge, and are
also Commissioners of Sinking Fund.—
This silly attempt to bolster up Curtin is
too transparent to cheat the people.

An editor drafted up in New York
State breaks out in the following style:
Why should we mourn for conscript friends,
Or fear the draft's alarms—
'Tis but the word that Abram sends
To make us shoulder arms.

REV. W. W. CASE, of Lewisburg will
preach in the Baptist Church of this place,
to-morrow, (Sabbath) at 10 o'clock in
the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening.

Nailed to the Counter

Judge Woodward's opponents are not
content to employ ordinary methods of
misrepresentation in their warfare against
him. It is base enough to publish garbled
extracts from a long speech, and, by sup-
pressing the context, to convey a false no-
tion of his meaning, and it is mean enough
to forge recommendations for a candi-
date, and to bolster up his weakness by
bogus certificates from men of character
and position; but it was worse for N. B.
Browne to claim a long intimacy with
Judge Woodward in order to give currency
to the slanders, and it was still more in-
famous for Mr. T. J. Bigham to invent a
conversation between Judge Woodward
and his son, Major George A. Wood-
ward, such as is spoken of in the letter
which we publish below. At a large Re-
publican meeting, which was held in the
city of Pittsburg, on the 16th ult., this
man asserted, of his own knowledge, that
after the battle of Gettysburg Judge
Woodward told his oldest son that instead
of being wounded in the foot "he ought to
have been wounded in the heart for fight-
ing in such a cause." This statement was
published in the Pittsburg papers, and of
course the attention of Major Woodward
was soon called to it. The character of the
slander left him no alternative. It was
due to himself and to his father that the
statement should be immediately contra-
dicted, and accordingly he had once pen-
ned the letter, of which we subjoin a copy.

HEADQUARTERS DEPOT CAMP INVALID CORPS,
MERRIAM HILL, D. C., Sept. 23, 1863.

Mr. T. J. Bigham, Pittsburg, Pa.:
Sir: I have noticed in the newspapers
a report of a mass Convention held at
Pittsburg on the 16th ult., in which you
are represented to have said, in response
to an inquiry of one Matthews, as to where
Woodward (meaning Judge Woodward),
the Democratic nominee for Governor)
was when Curtin was attending to the
soldiers' wants; "that when Judge Wood-
ward's gallant son came home from Get-
tysburg, wounded in both legs, his father
told him he might be thankful he got off
so well—that he ought to have been
wounded in the heart for fighting in such
a cause."

As my only brother capable of bearing
arms, who has made two campaigns with
the State Militia, has never been wound-
ed, I presume that I am the son of
Judge Woodward alluded to in the fore-
going statement—which statement I de-
sire to brand, as you knew it to be when
you made it, a wicked and deliberate
slander. A cause so weak as to need such
assistance must be weak indeed. A man
so lost to honor and decency as to use
such means for partisan ends deserves to
be drummed out of respectable society.

As the Lieutenant Colonel commanding
the 2d Pennsylvania Reserves, I partici-
pated in the battle of Gettysburg, but
was fortunate enough to escape unharmed,
except a slight injury to my right foot, in
which I had been wounded during the Pe-
ninsular campaign.

Just after the fall of Sumter, in the
spring of 1861, finding that war between
the two great sections of our common
country was inevitable, under the call of
the President for three years' volunteers,
I raised a company in Philadelphia, which
afterwards became incorporated with the
2d Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves.—
Any one familiar with the business of
raising volunteer organizations knows it
to be an expensive undertaking. Every
cent that my company cost, with the ex-
ception of the small amount that my lim-
ited means enabled me to devote to the
purpose, came from my father, Judge
Woodward. During all the time that
elapsed before my company was mustered
into service, I lived in his house, and had,
so far as I needed it, his co-operation in
my enterprise.

As Major of the 2d Pennsylvania Res-
erves, I participated in the Peninsular
campaign, and was wounded at Charles
City Cross Roads, in the right foot and
left leg—by which wounds I am crippled
for life—was taken prisoner, confined in
the Libby Prison in Richmond, and, after
being paroled, was taken to my father's
house in Philadelphia, where, for four
weary months I was confined to my bed,
suffering intensely, but with that suffering
alleviated and finally relieved, by not only
the best medical skill, but also by the
constant, kind, unwearied attention of my
father, mother and sisters. During all
that time, as indeed during my whole life,
no father could be more kind, more solici-
tous for a son's welfare, than was mine.

Almost daily conversations occurred be-
tween us, in which the war, and the present
and the future of our country were
discussed; and, although he freely criti-
cized, and often condemned, the manner
in which the war was managed by the Ad-
ministration, never did he utter a senti-
ment in sympathy with the doctrine of
secession, nor a syllable of approval of the
course taken by the people of the South;
and never did he say aught which was
not calculated to encourage me in the
performance of my duty as a soldier.

I have been thus full, sir, in my refuta-
tion of your slander, not because you need
or deserve this kind of attention at my
hands, but because this refutation must be
made as public as was the calumny, and
I desire the public to have the exact truth
in regard to this matter.

In conclusion, sir, I will remark that it
is poor encouragement to our soldiers
in the field to find that while they are
toiling and fighting for their country, ly-
ing politicians at home are using them as
the instruments of their partisan malice,
and such an instance as this is a fair il-
lustration of the pretended love for sol-
diers which certain parties parade so con-
stantly. That love must be sincere in-
deed which, while it overlays the soldier
with fulsome adulation, stabs to the quick
all that he holds near and dear.

GEO. A. WOODWARD,
late Lieut. Col. Comdg. 2d Pa. Reserves.

Major: Invalid Corps.

"GOVERNOR CURTIN CAN-
NOT SECURE THE SUPPORT OF
EITHER HIS OWN PARTY OR HIS
OFFICE-HOLDERS."—Speech of Alex-
ander Cummings before the Republican
State Convention, Aug. 5, 1863.

Democratic Meeting in Benton.

Pursuant to public notice a Democratic
Meeting was held in Benton, Columbia co.,
on Thursday last. It was well attended,
and was an entire success. The organiza-
tion was made as follows:
President.—JOHN McHENRY, Esq., of
Benton township.
Vice Presidents.—Sam'l Hess, Peter Cass,
Abelom McHenry, W. E. Roberts, Almas
Cole, David Lewis, Peter Creveling, Vincent
Ritchie, Abraham Coleman, Samuel Kiser,
Samuel Rhine, Jo'n C. Doty, Samuel Ap-
pleman, John J. Siles.
Secretaries.—W. Harrison Jacoby, Samuel
R. Kline, Esq.

Speeches were made by Hon. M. E. Jack-
son, of Berwick, A. J. Dieterick, Esq., of
Williamsport, and Col. JOHN G. FREEZE,
of Bloomsburg. They made able and patriotic
speeches, being gentlemen of considerable
experience both on the stump and at the
bar. The actions of the corrupt men ad-
ministering the affairs of Government, both
State and National, were handled without
gloves. If there were any Republicans in
hearing they must have cringed under the
just and heavy blows dealt out by the speak-
ers. They spared neither ABRAHAM nor AV-
ERY, but argued their cause, which was
against them, the same as they would the
trial of a criminal arraigned before a Court
of Justice for theft or murder. We will
await patiently the verdict, which will be
rendered on the 13th of October.

The meeting was honored by the presence
of several hundred ladies. Flags, banners,
and martial music, were at the head of each
delegation as they came in. At the close,
three cheers were given for Woodward and
Lowrie. We would not forget to mention
that several national airs were sung by a
couple of little girls.

JOHN McHENRY, Pres't.

Wm. H. Jacoby, Secretaries.

Democratic Mass Meeting at Jerseytown.

On Thursday, the 8th day of October next,
the Democracy of Columbia county, will
hold a Mass Meeting, at Jerseytown. Let
every man who is