

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1864. GEORGE B. MCLELLAN (Subject to the decision of the National Convention).

On opening the eighteenth volume of the COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT, we shall notice with satisfaction and pleasure, who and how many of our subscribers will occupy a place in the "Roll of Honor," by making advance payments.

Speech of Hon. Harry Hakes. We have perused with interest and satisfaction, the Speech of the Hon. HARRY HAKES, one of the Representatives, at Harrisburg, February 18, 1864, on the Resolution proposing to require proof of loyalty from the persons claiming pay-ments for damages by the Rebel Raids.

Democratic State Convention. We hear from every quarter that the State Convention, which is to be held in Philadelphia on the 24th of March, will not only be full inside, but that there will be a larger and outside representation than usual.

State Agricultural College. We have looked over with very great interest some pamphlets containing much information in regard to Agricultural and Literary colleges generally, and to our State Agricultural College particularly.

The Lady's Friend, the third number of this new Monthly Magazine of Literature and Fashion, - March - was received in February. It is ornamented with rich plates and is replete with choice literature.

Hon. Charles R. Buckalew, Senator of the United States, has our thanks for valuable Seeds from the Patent Office. Hon. Henry W. Tracy, Representative in Congress from this District, will accept our thanks for the "Congressional Directory."

Editors' Correspondence.

The following are extracts of a private letter, from one of the best men and purest Democrats in Pennsylvania, now at Harrisburg, to the Editor of the "Columbia Democrat."

You do Mr. MONTGOMERY, but simple justice when you say that you "sent a good Senator"—He is that, in the broadest sense of the term—added to a clear and sound discriminating judgment, he is a gentleman of incorruptible integrity—no man in the Senate is more respected, and what is better no one better deserves it.

Extracts of a Letter from a Soldier in Texas. CAMP OF THE 21ST IOWA REG'T., TEXAS, February 7, 1864. DEAR COL. TATE: I write to say that I am yet on the land and among the living.

George Thompson. The Lancaster Intelligencer, says this notorious English Abolitionist, who for thirty long years has been laboring to destroy the American Union, is again in this country—having been sent for by some of the "loyal" friends of the Administration.

Death of a Brave young Soldier. MAJ. JAMES H. LARRIMER, of Clearfield county, was shot by the Guerrillas, on the 14th of February, near Bristol Station, in Virginia.

Such is Abolitionism! It would degrade the unsharred character of the great and good WASHINGTON, so as to elevate and idolize the most contemptible of all his successors in the Presidential chair.

Hon. Myer Strouse, M. of C. has favored us with a copy of the Speech of Hon. JOHN D. STILES, M. of C. in answer to the ranting insinuations of one Amos Myers.

Financial and Commercial.

Mr. Secretary Chase, in his annual report to Congress, seems very anxious to return to specie payments, and he thinks it can and will be brought about, much sooner than the people anticipate.

So says the New York Herald money article. But we enquire: Is it true that "the government here is in the hands of working classes"? very great efforts are making to form and consolidate an aristocracy, which is to consist of holders of National stocks, which are to be free from taxes.

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The Democracy of Bedford county at their late county meeting adopted the following excellent and spirited resolutions: Resolved, That the greatest danger, the most imminent peril to our country, growing out of the present unhappy civil war, is the tendency of our civil rulers towards despotism.

The Florida expedition cost, it is said, 1,200 men, six pieces of cannon and a million of money; and all this not for any military purposes, but rather in derogation of them.

Cox on Preachers.

In the House of Representatives, Hon. SAMUEL S. COX, of Ohio, in discussing the proposition to amend the enrollment bill by exempting ministers of the gospel, said: "I am opposed to exempting ministers of the gospel from their share of the duty of putting down this rebellion."

These, we reiterate, are very significant demonstrations. It is the last yard that breaks the camel's back. The Americans have always been a patient, law-abiding people. The Anglo saxon element, so largely infused into their veins, makes them slow to anger, and to forbear violent and bloody resistance to wrong and oppression whilst a peaceful remedy lies anywhere near their grasp.

War News. Gen. Palmer, who had advanced within two miles of Dalton, Georgia; is reported to be falling back to Tunnel Hill, which is to be held.

The news from Florida and the Southwest is in rapid retreat, closely pursued by Gen. Schofield. Some smart skirmishing had taken place with his rear guard by our advance.

Scoury and Serolulous Eruptions will soon cover the bodies of those brave men who are fighting their country's battles. Night air, bad food, and drenching rains will make sad havoc with the strongest, therefore let every man supply himself with HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT, it is a certain cure for every kind of skin disease. Only 30 cents per box.

The Tide Turning.

Two incidents have recently occurred and been duly recorded in the newspapers, which, although they have elicited but little interest and remark, are full of peculiar significance, in the fact, that they have signified that the American people are growing restful and restive under the "Reign of Terror," to which they have submitted for the last two years like so many abject and crouching slaves.

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RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY.

Table listing names and amounts received for February, including Gen. Robert Fleming, Est of Dan Shuman, Cyrus Roberts, etc.

New Advertisements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of George Adam Welch, dec'd. OFFERS of administration on the Estate of George Adam Welch, late of Columbia Co., N.Y. deceased, having been granted by the Register of Columbia Co., to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are requested to present them to the undersigned, at his residence in said township, within three months of the date of the above advertisement, and all persons indebted to said decedent to pay to the undersigned, within three months of the date of the above advertisement.

SPLENDID NEW BOOKS.

JUST ISSUED BY CARLETON, Publisher, NEW YORK. I. PECULIAR. II. KIMBALL'S WORKS. III. RENON'S LIFE OF JESUS. IV. DR. CUMMING'S WORKS. V. Light on Shadowed Paths. VI. Novels by author "Rutledge." VII. VICTOR HUGO—A LIFE. VIII. Mrs. Holmes Novels. IX. The Merchants of New York. X. A. S. Ro's Excellent Novels. XI. THE ART OF CONVERSATION. XII. TALES FROM THE OPERAS. XIII. The Habits of Good Society. XIV. REULAH. XV. VERDANT GREEN.