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PITTSBURGH:

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 16, 1861.

MR. LINCOLN IN PITTSBURGH.—The President elect left this city for Cleveland yesterday morning at ten o'clock. Previous to his departure, an immense crowd of citizens were addressed by him from the balcony of the Monongahela House. His audience interrupted him from time to time with loud and prolonged cheers. Although a heavy rain was falling during the greater portion of the time he was speaking, he was heard with undegging interest. The impression which he made upon our citizens generally, by his personal bearing and public remarks, was highly favorable; while his courteous and friendly manner captivated all who had intercourse with him.

The visit of the President elect is an event which will be long remembered by the people of this city and vicinity.

For a full account of the proceedings of yesterday, we refer our readers to our local column.

THE Philadelphia *Pennsylvanian* at least deserves credit for its candor in this political crisis. It makes no mealy-mouthed pretensions of love for the Union and the Constitution, as some of its co-workers do, but boldly takes side with secession, treason and rebellion. It openly and fearlessly expresses its sympathy with the plotters of treason in the Cotton States, and like the New York *Herald* sneers at the efforts of the "submissionists" of Tennessee, Kentucky and other Border States, to preserve the Union. It denounces all appropriations for the maintenance of the navy, as so many plots to coerce its "unoffending"—that is the very word it adopts—its "unoffending" brethren on the Gulf of Mexico. The robbery of the mint and government stores at New Orleans—the insult to the American flag in Charleston harbor—the outrages at Pensacola—the appropriations of private property at Savannah, are no "offences" in the estimation of the patriotic editors of this patriotic sheet. On the contrary, they utter imprecations on the heads of all who favor any measure to right these wrongs, denouncing as "traitors thrice damned" those who are laboring at this time to protect the public property from spoliation and the national flag from insult.

The *Pennsylvanian* is the leading organ of the democratic party of Pennsylvania, and it is proper for future reference to write its present position. The time will come, when "the madness of the hour" will give place to sober reason, and then we will find those who are most earnest in their opposition to the government, among the most anxious to obliterate all traces of their treasonable conduct. The masses of the people have no sympathy with traitors, and under the operation of the "sober second thought"—that reaction of the popular mind which is already manifesting itself—the desperate politicians, who in their downfall are seeking to drag with them the freest government the world ever saw, will find themselves degraded and dishonored.

THE BOGUS CONFEDERACY.—The ridiculous affair at Montgomery, is likely to prove very costly to the people of the States conherned. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Courier* says that he has it on good authority that the new "Confederacy"—a capital name by the way for these jugglers—have resolved on being well paid for its performance, their Provisional President charging $50,000 for one year's services. What amount is allotted to little Stevens is not mentioned. It is suggested that this bogus government should have a large secret service fund to passalon those efficient gents, Messrs. Mason and Hunter, of the United States Senate. The democratic organs of the North should not be neglected in its distributions as they are doing all they can to break down the regular govern ment. Besides their necessities after the 4th of March will be very great, in consequence of the cutting off of their supplies from Uncle Sam. The next question is, where will this money come from? There is not a State in this Confederacy whose lands in the best of times would command seventy per cent. on the dollar, and now they could not be got off at any price. Under these circumstances the "resources" of the Rattlesnake League are not as magnificent as they may seem to the uninitiated

LET TRAITORS BEWARE.

The New York *Courier and Enquirer*, of Thursday last, contains the following significant paragraph:

"It is said that nightly meetings under the advisement of the Mayor and editor of the *Herald*, are being held to organize opposition to the government. Indeed, rumor connects distinguished names from the rural districts as being in league with this hatching of treason. Now, let these men be advised that the eyes of the police are upon them; and that after the 4th March they may be called upon to explain their conduct. Neither Mayor Wood's position, nor the influence of the *Herald* will be sufficient to save from punishment those who rashly rush into treason in order to embarrass the action of the General Government in the discharge of its duty."

The traitors in the North who are now expressing in *words* so much sympathy for the Southern Conspirators, should avoid converting those words into *acts*, after the 4th of March, if they wish to avoid the penalties of the law. By that time we will have a *man* and a *patriot* in the executive chair who has the ability and the disposition to see the law faithfully executed, and persons who are then found guilty of the crime of giving aid and comfort to the enemy—(for if the seceding States resist the execution of the laws such will be their position)—may find themselves in a very unpleasant situation. It may be impracticable to arrest a whole State for treason, but it will not be a very difficult matter to single out a few ring-leaders in the Free States for exemplary punishment.

Another Presidential Victory

An amusing incident occurred Thursday at Rochester, where, as at every other station along the line, a large crowd had assembled to meet and welcome the President elect. Mr. Lincoln having stepped out on the platform, amidst the enthusiastic greetings and plaudits which rose from the assembled multitude, heard this boastful assertion made by a certain well-grown individual near the platform:

"Abraham! I guess I can lick salt off your head, anyhow!"

"Can you, friend? Come up, then, and let's see."

With a spring and a bound the tall rival of our tall President accepted the invitation, and was on the platform beside Mr. Lincoln in a moment. Then the two stood back to back before all the crowd; but the trial brought instant disparagement to the tall pretensions of the boastful individual who had first thrown down the gauntlet.

Mr. Lincoln, however, with ready good humor faced round to his rival and said: "Do you call that the way to back up your friends?"

And so this somewhat *outre* incident ended in as general a burst of genuine merriment and satisfaction, as if both performers and spectators had known it was part of the programme; and the reporters say that the President bore the honor of this victory also with his accustomed equanimity!

Texas are ominous signs of danger to the new "agency" set up at Montgomery, for the South Carolina leaders deny that it is or can be a power. It was but an agency that the thirty-three States had at Washington, and six having withdrawn their agents, the importance of the "agency" is greatly reduced, in their opinion. In this new alliance there are already sharp contests over points of policy which we can see no settlement for short of a new secession. Will South Carolina "submit" to Jeff. Davis and to Toombs? Is it possible that a people so spirited and so gallant will be dragged in the trail of a band of reconstructionists who are eager to get back to the Union on any terms? Certain it is that no such concession is possible. Mr. Keitt plainly as such concession is possible. Mr. Keitt plainly as such concession is possible. Mr. Keitt plainly as