

The Uses of Copperheads.

It is an established article in the general course of many warlike people, that nothing is so common as to call the victors and not the vanquished, and even herein, has not this been an exception. We have seen the victors of the Revolution called Tories, and the victors of the War of 1812 called British Agents, and the victors of the Civil War called Copperheads.

Who can doubt that the existence of a set of politicians, generally known as copperheads, throughout the loyal States, has developed a far higher and more active spirit of patriotism than could have existed without them? Antagonism is essential to development in every department of both the natural and moral activities of the universe; and we need these opposites, these republicans with their Union, these friends of freedom, to resist the pulse of the nation to that healthy state essential to the support of the government in this trying crisis, and to a vigorous prosecution of the war.

A friend in a neighboring county, in a note, inquired what the loyal men were doing to do with a vile copperhead publication that they have been sending them. We say to him, do nothing whatever at all. If the editor lays himself clearly and unmistakably amenable to the charge of treason, let the law be brought to bear upon him; but, if not, let him have free scope. His antagonism to all that is right and true and patriotic will only develop a more loyal and determined patriotism in the hearts of the loyal people of that county.

The new copperheads will affect the most ultra loyalty. Grant's victory at Vicksburg will be a more potent stimulus to the loyal than the rebellion of the position of the man in the dark and trying period through which we have just passed. It is due to both truth and false men to keep a record of the former, and to give a name to the latter.

From the fact that the delegates from Montgomery county were instructed to support Governor Conroy, some people have been led to believe that he will be the champion of the democracy of the State. We are unable to judge as to the probability of such a result.

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North Carolina Rebels Threatening to Withdraw from the Confederacy.

The Raleigh (N. C.) Standard, the special organ of Governor Vance, and the grand leader of the opposition party in that State, which is now in the ascendancy, by a two third vote, in commenting upon an article from the Richmond Enquirer favoring an "imperial despotism" like that of France, says:

"We know that military despotism is making rapid strides in these States. We know that no people ever lost their liberty as a result of the efforts of a few fanatics and a few unscrupulous politicians. We know that the only way to preserve our liberties is by the maintenance of a strong and energetic government. We know that the only way to preserve our liberties is by the maintenance of a strong and energetic government."

"The answer of our people is, 'we will be always a free people.' North Carolina is a State, not a province. She has eighty thousand free men, and she will not be a province. When she calls them they will come. If the worst should happen, she will be able to take care of herself as an independent power. She will not submit in any event, to a law of Congress passed in a distant State, which would deprive her of her rights. She will not submit to a law of Congress passed in a distant State, which would deprive her of her rights."

"Other opposition papers are also denouncing the 'despotism.' The Standard (North Carolina) Times, in speaking of the approaching Congressional elections, says: 'Beware of the Fire Eaters! They are the fanatics of the old Federalist party, who fight their battles in the name of the Union. They are the fanatics of the old Federalist party, who fight their battles in the name of the Union.'"

"From the Hephazabook. The Washington Republic, of Friday, has the following interesting news from Lee's army: 'We have information from a highly intelligent gentleman who was acquainted with Chancellor, and who is directly from the south side of the Hephazabook, in relation to the following effects: 'The enemy claims that he has, altogether, eight thousand three hundred of our men captured, including the wounded. The rebels claim that they have killed and wounded about ten thousand men. They do not hesitate to say that the battles at Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg were the severest and most expensive that the Confederacy has yet experienced in the war.'"

"General Lee expressed himself to his officers very freely that Hooker was much inferior to his own army. He said that Hooker was a man to be feared and watched closely. 'Gen. Lee also expressed his wonder that Hooker was allowed to return with his army to the north side of the Rappahannock.'"

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.—The Subscription Book for the new edition of the Pittsburgh Gazette, published by the Pittsburgh Gazette, is now open for subscription. The price is \$5.00 per annum in advance. The book contains a full and complete list of the names of the subscribers to the paper, and is a valuable reference work for all those who are interested in the paper.

NOTICE.—A public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Gazette, will be held on Monday, June 1st, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the office of the paper. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed changes in the management of the paper, and to elect a new Board of Directors. All members of the Board are requested to attend.

NOTICE.—In accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, passed on the 22nd day of March, 1862, the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Gazette, has the honor to announce that the names of the subscribers to the paper for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1862, are as follows: [List of names]

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