



The Union as it was: The Constitution as it is! WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 17.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention for the nomination of candidates for Governor and Supreme Judge meets to-day at Harrisburg. There may be a protracted contest for Governor, but Judge Loefer will probably be renominated by acclamation.

As is reported, and in some quarters believed, rebel cavalry are in the neighborhood of Harrisburg, it may have the effect of hurrying up the proceedings of the convention. In that case our platform will, doubtless, be of moderate proportions, and the speeches correspondingly brief.

PROCLAIMING MARTIAL LAW.

In almost every community there are what is termed "fussy people," individuals of various organizations and little sense. When these sort of people undertake to control and direct public opinion in times of great apprehension and excitement, they invariably inflame, alarm and terrify the community.

It must have been a dreadful panic which prompted the suggestion of the necessity of Martial Law for Pittsburgh; but our people will make no mistake, nor do I believe that the suggestion, however true in relation to martial law, however, the difficulty appears to be that those who desire to do it do not understand what it is; let us then explain, because, just now, it is the business of every citizen to comprehend it.

In relation to martial law, the World quotes from several high authorities, all going to prove that martial law is no law at all, but a total setting aside of all law, or of all subordination to the will of a military commander.

GOOD ADVICE.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, after indulging in the practice of which it complains for two years, now gives the following good advice to those penetrating civilians, who almost daily astonish their readers by their remarkable military sagacity.

THE PRESIDENT ON VALLANDIGHAM.

Some time since a Democratic meeting, held in Albany, New York, to denounce the illegal arrest and banishment of Mr. Vallandigham, instructed their committee to address President Lincoln demanding his immediate release.

When, in 1779, the British sent soldiers to compel Massachusetts to obedience, the legislature of that colony declared "that the sending an armed force into the colonies, under pretence of asserting the civil power, was highly dangerous to the people, unprecedented and unconstitutional."

THE MILITARY ABOVE THE CIVIL POWER.

To His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States: Sir, Since so many of the journals of your own party have undertaken to censure the usurpations of the military power, it is perhaps unnecessary for me to refer to this subject, if you will not bear them.

"I prefer not to rebuke the numerous instances in which the military power has superseded the civil, by the arrest, imprisonment, and exile of citizens, by the violation of the writ of habeas corpus, by the suppression of newspapers, and by sending armed soldiers to oppress free assemblies of the people."

URGENT ACTION - THE N. Y. NAVY YARD.

Orders were received at the Navy Yard yesterday morning to fit out all the vessels available with the utmost dispatch. The makers were told to suspend work on all vessels of the navy, except those on the stocks, to be ready to start at a moment's notice.

THE HEALTH OF OUR ARMIES IN THE SOUTH.

It is a remarkable fact that the regiment of Wilson Zouaves, which returned to the city a few days ago from the war, came back almost as strong as they went out.

SENTENCE OF A SOLDIER.

A letter from Murfreesboro, Tenn., says: Mrs. Mattie Peterson, whose arrest on a charge of carrying on treasonable correspondence with the enemy has been mentioned in our columns, and sentenced to imprisonment for three years, closed confinement. She was sent forward under guard.

TELEGRAPHIC.

OUR STATE INVADED!!

Greencastle Occupied by the Rebels!! IMPORTANT FROM GOV. CURT-M New York Comes to Our Rescue.

HARRISBURG, June 16, 1863. The Pennsylvania - Will you please put in the most conspicuous place in your issue, by order of the Governor? The town is approaching. I must reply to the people for the defence of the State, and have called the militia for that purpose. The term of service will only be three months. The longer the State is imperilled, the longer our companies will be in the field.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION.

St. Louis, Mo., June 15, 1863. The Missouri State Convention, at St. Louis, Mo., opened to-day. The Convention is composed of representatives from all parts of the State. The Convention is now in session, and is expected to adjourn to-day.

THE UNIFORM CURRENCY.

Washington, June 14, 1863. We are authorized to assure that the Department is in the possession of the Uniform National Currency Act, and that it is now being prepared for the printing press. It is expected that it will be ready for publication in a few days.

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