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UNION STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR. ANDREW G. CURTIN, of Centre County. JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT. DANIEL AGNEW, of Beaver County.

THE COMING ELECTION.

The people of Pennsylvania have now before them a State ticket worthy of their support. Scarcely two months remain for the true friends of the Union to labor for the success of that ticket. Our opponents have already had their ticket before the public about two months; and they have been laboring unremittingly during that time in perfecting an organization throughout the State. In view of these facts it is highly important that the friends of Curtin and Agnew, the true friends of the Union, should at once buckle on their armor and organize in the most complete and efficient manner. No greater calamity could befall the Nation than to have Pennsylvania's influence lost to the Union cause, and to prevent such a catastrophe, it is only necessary for every loyal man to use the influence which he possesses. The Philadelphia Bulletin in referring to the candidates now before the people of Pennsylvania for their suffrages, says:

"The re-election of Governor Curtin is demanded by the interests of the people and the soldiers of the State, for both of whom he has labored as no man ever before labored. But it is demanded still more urgently in the interest of the national government. The election of Judge Woodward would cripple the President more than any other political disaster we can think of. The judge is known to be hostile to the national administration, and to be a radical States' Rights man, who would like to see slavery extended, and if the Union should be dissolved, would like to have Pennsylvania go with the South. Imagine the mischief that such a man would do, if he were in the executive chair of Pennsylvania. It would be more disastrous than the election of Seymour in New York, which has already resulted in frightful riots. Pennsylvania must not be put in an attitude of even seeming hostility to the national government, while this terrible rebellion is going on. Her people are loyal; but the demagogues that control the Democratic party are cunning and deceitful, and the man that they have put forward as a candidate for Governor professes the doctrines that the demagogues and traitors of South Carolina put in practice, when they voted that State out of the Union. He would not venture to declare the State wholly independent of the federal authority; but he would unquestionably do all in his power to embarrass the President and to deprive him of the support of Pennsylvania in carrying on the war.

"In opposition to Judge Woodward we have in nomination Andrew G. Curtin, the true and loyal patriot, who has done more than any other Governor to sustain the national administration; who has labored night and day in the Union cause; who has devoted himself to the interests of the soldiers in the field, and who has maintained the honor and credit of Pennsylvania untarnished, during a period of greater trial than was ever known in our history. State pride and national pride both demand his re-election. He can be elected by an overwhelming majority, if the people will only awake to a sense of the importance of the contest. The two months that remain, in which to do the work of the campaign, should be employed by intelligent and loyal men everywhere, in organizing, in working, and in disseminating information among the masses. The Democrats have got the start of us in this; but they can be overtaken with proper energy, and in October we may be able to gain a victory which will be as severe a blow to the rebels at the South as to their allies, the traitors of the North."

"Can this be true?" "Of course it can!" Then it is but fair to infer that the above is a true definition of the phrase, "resisting the Government at the ballot-box," of which we have heard so much from Copperhead speakers, even here in Clearfield. Will the honest loyal men of our county bear this in mind?

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THE SUFFERINGS IN EAST TENNESSEE.

The late rebel conscription seems to have been the only act required to complete the ruin of East Tennessee. The able-bodied men had either been forced into the rebel ranks or made their escape. The rebel government now demands the services of all between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five. A requisition has been made by Davis on Governor Harris for 6,000 of this class, and, as many will escape, this number will take about all that may be left up to fifty-five years.

Recent accounts show that the attempts of conscripts to escape are met by the most wanton cruelties by the rebels, who do not attempt to take them, but shoot them down like wild beasts whenever and wherever found. The inhuman slaughter of these unfortunates, occurring daily and openly, is absolutely horrible, and would be incredible but for the testimony of scores of witnesses who have arrived within our lines. A Lexington (Ky.) correspondent says:

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CIRCULARS CONCERNING THE DRAFT.

HEADQUARTERS OF PROVOST MARSHAL, NINETEENTH DISTRICT, PENN.: WATERFORD, PA., JULY 28, 1863.

The following Circulars from the War Department in relation to the Draft, are published by order for the information of the public: WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST MARSHAL GEN.'S OFFICE, WATERFORD, PA., JULY 12.

Circular No. 44. To answer inquiries made to this office, it is announced: 1. Any drafted person paying \$300 under Section 13, of the Enrollment act, is thereby exempt from further liability under that draft, but not from any subsequent drafts.

2. Any drafted person furnishing an acceptable substitute, is exempt from military service for the period for which said substitute is mustered into service. 3. A substitute, once mustered into the service, cannot be drafted while in service.

4. (As amended by circular No. 51.) A person drafted, claiming exemption, has the right to have the question of his disability submitted to and passed upon by the board of enrollment for whom he is claimed, if the Board shall have decided that the claimant is liable to serve, he has the right, after such decision against him, to pay commutation money, or to furnish his substitute within such extended time as may be fixed by the order of the board of enrollment for his appearance for duty.

5. Men, who on the 31 of March, 1863, were in the military service of the United States, as substitutes, under the draft of 1862, and whose terms of service have since expired, are not liable to the present draft, but the persons for whom they were substitutes are liable to draft the same as though they had not been drafted and furnished substitutes under the draft of last year.

6. In serving notices, a reasonable time to report, shall, in each case, be granted by the board of enrollment to men in the State service, who have been or may be drafted.

JAMES B. FRY, Provost Marshal General.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST MARSHAL GEN.'S OFFICE, WATERFORD, PA., JULY 17.

Circular No. 47. 1. Drafted men become soldiers in the service of the United States, by the fact of their names being drawn in the draft.

2. The notification drawn upon them by the Provost Marshal, is merely an announcement of the fact of an order for them to report for duty at a designated time and place.

3. The following opinion of the Hon. Wm. Whiting, Solicitor of the War Department, is published for the information of all concerned: When a person has been drafted, in pursuance of the enrollment act of March 3, 1863, notice of such draft must be served within ten days thereafter, by a written or printed notice, to be served on him personally, or by leaving a copy at his last place of residence, requiring him to appear at a designated rendezvous to report for duty. Any person failing to report for duty after the notice has been left at his last place of residence, or served on him personally, without furnishing a substitute or paying \$300, is pronounced by law to be a deserter. He may be arrested and held for trial by court martial, and sentenced to death.

If a person, after being drafted and before receiving notice, deserts, the notice may still be served by leaving it at his last place of residence, and if he does not then appear in accordance with the notice or furnish a substitute, or pay the \$300, he will be in law a deserter, and must be treated accordingly.

There is no way or manner in which a person once enrolled can escape his duties, and when drafted, whether present or absent, whether he change his residence or abscond, the rights of the United States against him are secured, and it is only by the performance of his duty to the country that he will escape the liability to be treated as a criminal.

(Signed) WM. WHITING, Solicitor of the War Department.

JAMES B. FRY, Provost Marshal General.

Reasonable notice will be given throughout the District of the time, place and manner of the draft, which will be publicly made.

ORDERS CONCERNING THE DRAFT. The attention of the public is called to the following orders relating to the Draft, published by authority: WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST MARSHAL GEN.'S OFFICE, WATERFORD, PA., JULY 19, 1863.

Circular No. 53. Any person claiming exemption, on the ground of alienage, shall file before the Board an affidavit stating: 1st. That he is an alien, and setting forth the government of which he claims to be subject.

2d. That he is not a citizen of the United States, and has not exercised the right of suffrage by voting at any election in any State.

3d. That he claims to be exempted from military service on the ground that he is the subject of a foreign government, and has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and has never voted in any State.

4th. That he claims to be exempted from military service on the ground that he is the subject of a foreign government, and has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and has never voted in any State.

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10th. That he claims to be exempted from military service on the ground that he is the subject of a foreign government, and has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and has never voted in any State.

that my son shall be exempted from the operations of the act of Congress for enrolling and calling out the national forces," approved March 3, 1863.

We the subscribers, do hereby certify that the above named is aged and infirm, and dependent on the labor of sons for support.

Personally appeared before me the above named and severally made oath that the above certificates are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Justice of the Peace.

Dated at this day of 1863.

Note 1.—The first certificates must be signed by the parent making the election, and the second by two respectable citizens (heads of families) residents of the town, county, or district in which the persons reside, and sworn to before a magistrate. In case the father is deceased, the certificate is to be signed by the mother, and the fact of the father's death is to be stated by the persons certifying.

Note 2.—This certificate is to be used only in cases where the labor of the person claiming exemption is actually necessary for the support of the persons dependent on him. The exemption does not apply in cases where there is sufficient property to yield support, and the necessary business for collecting the income can be transacted by agents, trustees, or the like.

By the term "aged and infirm parents" Sect. 2, Enrollment Act, is meant those parents who from old age or infirmity are disabled from earning the means or supporting themselves, and who by reason of such age or infirmity, have become dependent for the means of support upon the person claiming exemption from draft. Boards of Enrollment will use a careful discrimination in deciding all such cases.

Extract from Circular No. 42, War Department, Provost Marshal General's Office.

The filing of the above described papers, though indispensable as a preliminary step before the draft, is not of itself an exemption from duty if drafted.

The person elected must appear if drafted on or before the day fixed in the notice served on him, and must bring one or more well known and responsible men, to prove the age, infirmity and dependence of his parents, or to advise from persons known to the Board of Enrollment to establish his claim of exemption.

A parent cannot secure the practical exemption of two sons from military duty by waiting until one is drafted and then electing to exempt him.—Extract Circular No. 57, War Department, Provost Marshal General's Office.

H. S. CAMPBELL, Prov. Marshal, Water