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UNION STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR, ANDREW G. CURTIN, Centre. FOR SUPREME JUDGE, DANIEL AGNEW, Beaver.

UNION COUNTY TICKET.

FOR ASSEMBLY, T. JEFFERSON NILL, Chambersburg. FOR PROTHONOTARY, M. SHANNON TAYLOR, Chambersburg. FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER, HENRY STRICKLER, Antrim. FOR CLERK OF THE COURTS, WM. G. MITCHELL, Southampton. FOR COUNTY TREASURER, JAMES G. ELDER, St. Thomas. FOR COMMISSIONER, HENRY GOOD, Quincy. FOR DIRECTOR OF THE POOR, JOHN DOEBLER, Chambersburg. FOR AUDITOR, WM. S. AMBERSON, Washington.

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Rumors are again afloat of a rebel raid into the Valley, but they are entirely without foundation. At noon yesterday, our lines in Virginia had not been threatened at any point, nor the military authorities any information to justify apprehension on the subject.

THE SITUATION.

We give in another column the latest news from Charleston. The siege is progressing most actively and favorably, and in due time the Old Flag will wave over the hot-bed of treason. It may be the work of weeks to accomplish it, but the fall of Charleston seems as certain as any event in the future. The country will mourn the loss of the gallant Commander Rodgers. He was killed while nobly fighting his vessel, the Monitor Cat-skill. The Richmond Whig says that "the two hundred pound Parrot guns of the enemy, are too much for the walls of Sumter," and the whole Southern press seems to regard the city as doomed.

We have nothing definite from the Army of the Potomac. The Washington sensation correspondents have been insisting that Lee is about to make another aggressive movement into Maryland and possibly into Pennsylvania; and on the other hand the late Richmond papers insist that Meade is about to make a powerful demonstration against Lee. We doubt whether offensive operations will be resumed on either side for some weeks to come. Both are looking some after Charleston, and Lee has too many leaks like East Tennessee, Mobile, &c., to justify the conclusion that he is largely reinforced and means to move Northward. Such a step now on his part would be the very last act of desperation, and he could not fail to come to final grief and the so-called confederacy with him.

Rosecrans and Burnside are moving simultaneously, but by different routes, on East Tennessee—the former striking for Chattanooga, and the latter for Knoxville. There is little doubt of their ability to reach and hold the points named, and thus restore the entire State of Tennessee to the Union. Thus, day by day, the limits of traitors are narrowed, and the Government gradually but surely extending its power.

General Hurlbut sent an expedition to Grenada, Miss., for the purpose of preventing the rebels from repairing the railroad at that place. The expedition returned to Lagrange after burning 57 locomotives, 400 cars, and a large amount of ordnance and other stores. They also captured a large number of prisoners.

THE SPIRIT FOR CURTIN.

The Spirit is out for Curtin. True, it don't just exactly say that it wants him re-elected, nor does it cultivate the chaste and endearing in framing its compliments; but it's the Spirit's way, and we must take things as we find them when we can't make them better. Persons who don't understand that journal might call it vituperative in the highest degree, and declare it given to falsifying with a recklessness almost without a parallel;

but things sometimes work by contraries, and the Spirit is one of that kind. Probably it was called into being in the sign of the crab, and can't help hoofing and clawing, because its nature forbids a straight forward movement either in theory or practice.

In its last issue it thus, in its own peculiar way, compliments Gov. Curtin's administration:

"It was thus 'faithful' when its sharks and harpies furnished 'shoddy' clothing which fell to pieces on the first wearing, shoes with pasteboard soles, damaged blankets unable even to withstand the gentle zephyrs of summer, spoiled meat and mouldy crackers, to the brave volunteers who first rushed to the defense of the flag; thus realizing millions of money out of their contracts, enabling them to roll in wealth and luxury; to raise their palatial marble mansions from the earth as if magic; to flash their diamonds in the saloons of pleasure and dissipation; to clothe their persons in the rare goods of Europe and Asia; to live in untold splendor and magnificence, on money plundered from the treasury and withheld from our brave volunteers, while those volunteers were bleeding and dying to preserve the integrity of our institutions."

The touching pathos, burning patriotism, brilliancy of delineation, and gems of historic beauty, which flash in dazzling splendor in the foregoing extract, point clearly to the profound political strategy of the Spirit, by which it means to re-elect Curtin by professing not to do it. Next to praising a man, the best way to make him friends and votes is to flood the community with bewildering defamation and falsehood; and as telling the truth is not exactly in the Spirit's line, it chooses the way in which it is most proficient to promote Gov. Curtin's election, and exhausts itself in an effort to see how many falsehoods may be crowded in a few lines.

Distasteful as is the Spirit's strategy in seeking the re-election of Gov. Curtin, we must henceforth regard it as an auxiliary in the Union cause and the success of our worthy Executive. Nor is it an anomaly in its position. Somebody must burn their fingers when chestnuts are to be pulled out of the fire, and scavengers are just as necessary to a community as gentlemen; and as the Spirit has chosen its duty, we can only look to the good it may accomplish and leave it and its infinitesimal conscience to arrange as to the means it employs. Of course it knows that Gov. Curtin never furnished "spoiled meat and mouldy crackers to the brave volunteers," for the reason that they were in the U. S. service, and were supplied by U. S. officers; but as it wasn't trying or meaning to tell the truth, it had to assert that he did starve and poison the soldiers for the benefit of contractors, of whose business he had neither control or knowledge. Of course it knows that the "shoddy," "damaged blankets," which were defeated in a tilt with the "gentle zephyrs of summer," and the "shoes with pasteboard soles," so far as supplied by the State, were all furnished in contracts advertised and let to the lowest bidder, and controlled and managed entirely by Quarter Master General Hale, who never voted anything else than a Democratic ticket in his life, and who was Surveyor of the Port under President Pierce. It is also well advised that a committee of the Legislature, headed by that stubborn Democratic Reformer, Mr. Rex, of Montgomery, after hearing all the testimony as to the furnishing of supplies by the State made a unanimous report, under oath, not only acquitting the Governor of all wrong, but commending his zeal, fidelity and integrity in the strongest terms. Still, as the Spirit means to defame Gov. Curtin into a re-election, it is consistent with itself and its purpose in shutting its eyes to the light of truth, and in drawing bewitching pictures of Oriental splendor, and harrowing up the public soul by portraying monstrous wrongs on the part of remorseless officials.

—We don't exactly object to the Spirit aiding in the re-election of Gov. Curtin; but we beg to suggest that it tell the truth occasionally—say once a month or so, just for the novelty of the thing, or for the sake of reference. If it does not, it may want to tell the truth some time, not for the intrinsic merit of the article, but as a matter of interest or policy, and the danger is that nobody will believe it. In last week's editorial page we have been unable to find any material truth save in the date of the paper, and that most likely would have been wrong, but for the fact that there are ten almanacs in the county to every copy of the Spirit that is circulated, and the odds were too heavy for it. Be moderate neighbor—be moderate.

THE UNION COUNTY TICKET.

The Union County Convention did a good day's work, in presenting a most meritorious and acceptable ticket to the people for their suffrages. If it cannot be elected, then must the "Green Spot" be faithless to herself, to her conceded loyalty, and to our common country. Of the five names presented for the leading offices, four have been in actual service in the field and honorably discharged at the expiration of their terms,—two of whom are hopeless cripples from wounds received in battle, and the other is a gentleman of such infirm health as to disqualify him for the ordinary business of life.

Maj. K. Shannon Taylor, the candidate for Prothonotary, was connected with the military before the war broke out; and he responded to the first call for troops made by the government when Sumter was bombarded. He went out as a private in the 2d Penna. Volunteers, and was afterwards promoted to a Lieutenantcy. He is a true, earnest, loyal man, and has uniformly and zealously acted against the so-called Democracy. He was warmly supported for Prothonotary three years ago, and was sustained in the late Convention with a degree of fidelity and positiveness that gave him success. He will call to the support of the ticket a large class of our young, active men, and will contribute much to the decisive victory in store for it in October next.

Messrs. T. Jefferson Nill, candidate for Assembly; Henry Strickler, candidate for Register and Recorder; James G. Elder, candidate for Treasurer, and John Doebler, candidate for Director of the Poor, all served creditably in the 126th Regiment. Elder was the Colonel commanding, and fell severely wounded in the thigh at Fredericksburg, and has since been unable to walk without his crutches. Strickler was a Sergeant, and fell at the same sanguinary struggle with his left arm so shattered by a musket ball as to require amputation above the elbow. Nill was 1st Lieutenant in the Waynesboro company, and was commissioned Quartermaster—a position he filled with eminent credit to himself and acceptability to the regiment. His superior business qualities, great fidelity and stern integrity, pointed him out by general consent as the man for the responsible position and he fully met every reasonable expectation. Doebler was Captain of Company A, from this place, and fell at Fredericksburg, while gallantly leading his men, with his left arm terribly shattered by a rifle ball; and he has not yet recovered the use of it. Of the fitness of these men for the offices for which they have been nominated, there is but one judgment. In point of character and qualifications they come up to the severest standard of honesty and competency; and their devotion to their country's cause, as evinced by their heroism on the bloody field, and by the honorable wounds they won in defence of our common Freedom, will endear them and their cause to every loyal heart. The people of Franklin county, who have been the victims of rebel barbarity and plundering, will rally with an enthusiasm that will be bounded by no party lines, to give these men a crowning triumph at the polls.

Mr. Mitchell, the nominee for Clerk of the Courts, is the present incumbent, and has shown how faithfully he has discharged his duties by a nomination. He is physically disqualified for manual labor by infirmities resulting from disease; but is peculiarly fitted for the position for which he is a candidate. Blameless in character and strong with the loyal men of the county, he will be triumphantly elected. Messrs. Good, of Quincy, the candidate for Commissioner, and Amberson, of Washington, candidate for Auditor, are well known to the people of the county, as men of the highest standing and good business qualifications, and they will be cordially supported and fully share in the overwhelming victory the ticket will achieve for itself and the government in October next.

—LOYAL MEN! the ticket is now complete. We must not be content with its election. Organize at once in every district, and the "Green Spot" will thunder to the tune of a thousand majority in behalf of the Unity of the Republic. A little earnest work, and all will be well!

The Harrisburg Patriot and Union, the central organ of Judge Woodward, has steadily, recklessly and maliciously opposed the draft, and has excused every act of lawlessness against it, justified every perversion of the law, and, as far as its limited power extended, prepared the ignorant and faithless for resistance, even to the shedding of blood.

It was deaf to every call from the army of the Potomac and from the loyal men of the Nation, for reinforcements, to enable our brave defenders of the Flag to reap the fullest fruits of their victories. By every possible means it sought to defeat the conscription and thus defeat the increase of the Army in the field. When our commanders and soldiers with one voice called for the promptest supply of fresh men to cheer their hearts and strengthen them for decisive triumphs, the Patriot and Union ever answered with a fiendish quibble about the laws, and poured out a fresh current of poison upon the sentiment of the country.

But its efforts to defeat a draft has been as impotent as they were traitorous and malignant. True, it was cheered with a short reign of murder, robbery, arson and lawlessness generally in New York, as the legitimate fruits of the teachings it humbly echoes; but still the draft goes on, and its earnest efforts to defeat, for Jeff. Davis, the increase of the Union armies, have proved abortive. Despairing to array its "friends" of New York against the laws again, it now whines pitiably because "troops have been drawn from the Army of the Potomac" to prevent fresh scenes of butchery in the Empire City. It insists that "there is no more necessity for the presence of the troops at "New York than at Harrisburg or "Pittsburg," and mourns lest "innocent blood" be shed by the folly of sending troops to interfere with the freedom of Gov. Seymour's "friends."

—Why don't the Patriot and Union adhere to its friends? Scores of them, who gave it the only faint ray of comfort it has had lately, by murdering, stealing and sacking to their hearts' content under Gov. Seymour's eye, now occupy cells in the penitentiaries of the State, and must be punished there for years for obeying the teachings of traitors. Why not demand their release as martyrs to freedom of speech and conviction? If the Patriot and Union is right, they were right; if it is loyal, they were loyal; and it is the skulking coward's part to goad them to anarchy and crime, and then turn from them to bring fresh rioters upon the altar of treachery and lawlessness.

BRIG. GEN. Alexander Hamilton Coffroth, M. C., has written a letter—the common folly of all, weak brethren, and sometimes committed by men of even middling sense. He insists that he wasn't at Gettysburg at all, either at or after the battle, nor has he seen a single person from Adams county—from which we infer that he means to contravert the idea that he got fuddled on the butter-milk question or confused on Adams county worm-fence, and that he didn't "berate the Union troops." On one point however he leaves no room for inference—the Editor of the Repository must "be branded as a malicious slanderer." We don't much object to such compliments from the average of members of Congress—indeed think it rather creditable; but as the Gen. might be taken by kindred men at his own estimate of himself, and thus rank him as eloquent in his loquacity and prodigious in all the elements of greatness, we are disposed to take issue with him on the "malicious slanderer." We wouldn't slander the General for several reasons. Uttering falsehoods is always to be reprobated; but shooting such costly ammunition at nothing and very little of that, would be unpardonable alike in theory and practice. Mistakes may happen however, particularly when editors talk of fools according to their folly; but we disclaim the "malicious" and apologize to any extent. We therefore withdraw everything we have said about his visit to Adams county, and making claims for damages, because since the publication we have been satisfied it was not correct. If ever we meet the tinker we shall apologize to him, and if the Gen. desires, we will make a general apology to all the owners of worm-fence in Adams county. We assure him that he shall not

complain of any half-way work in the matter. If he will only write some forty letters or so and post us up fully, he shall have the amplest restitution that can be made in the language.

—Seriously—General, do stop making an ass of yourself. There's nothing original in it. You're not the first of the sort that has blundered into Congress to make a respectable constituency blush!

We intimated last week that the Spirit had got tangled on the Kentucky election. It was disconsolate because Gen. Burnside ordered that "no disloyal persons be allowed to vote;" declared it a most "alarming manifestation of usurpation;" insisted that the result showed "with what frightful rapidity we are drifting into "despotism" and wound up its lamentations by pronouncing the election of Gen. Bramlette "no cause for congratulation." In last week's issue it considers the Kentucky election rather a clever affair; tries to wriggle Gov. Bramlette into semi-Copperheadism, and declares that his platform "is the same that was adopted by the "Democracy of Pennsylvania at their "late State Convention," and concludes by saying that "the Democracy of Pennsylvania intend to give "another such verdict for the unconditional restoration of the Union on "the 13th day of October next." If the Spirit ever means or hopes to be believed, it should allow at least one week to elapse without flying into its own face and scratching out its own eyes. On the 12th inst. it declared the Kentucky election "no cause for congratulation;" an "alarming manifestation of usurpation," &c., and on the 19th it boasts that the Democracy of the State "intend to give "another such verdict" at the next election. Now you see it, and now you don't see it! Can anybody tell where the little joker is?

The friends of the Union must not permit the superior vigilance of the enemy to either defeat or impair their triumph in Franklin county. Rest assured that the foe will exhaust every effort to swell their vote; and they must be met by systematic organization and earnest effort at every point.

If there is a single district in Franklin county wherein the work of Union organization has not been commenced, we entreat the Union voters to see to it at once. Let not another week pass without positive steps being taken to secure the fullest possible vote in October next.

Upon our efforts depend the measure of our success. We owe it to the Government, now reaching the noon-tide of triumph, and bringing Peace and established Nationality as the rich fruits of its victories, to speak in thunder tones in vindication of the great cause and the loyalty of our people.

The people of Adams county have been thoroughly vindicated from the slanders heaped upon them by a few reckless correspondents, who evidently got either too much or too little whiskey during their stay. It is probable that Adams county, like every other community, has a few mean men who would extort from soldiers; but that the people generally acted most patriotically, and suffered every privation necessary to add to the comfort of our troops, and especially to the sick and wounded, there can be no room for doubt. One by one the specific charges have been most conclusively answered, and the public will be slow to give any credence to such shameless attacks hereafter.

MAJOR WAYNE McVEIGH, of Chester, has been appointed Chairman of the Union State Committee, and will at once enter upon his arduous and responsible duties. He is a young man of brilliant attainments, untiring energy and matchless fidelity to the Union cause, and he will infuse a degree of vigor into the contest worthy of the struggle. We hope to have his first address for our next issue. We need not assure our readers that it will offer no apology for treason in any form, nor propose any half-way support to the vital issue of preserving the Republic.

A FEW old political fossils have had a secret conclave in Western New York to consider the propriety of having a conservative organization for the next Presidential election. The country with its pressing duties and momentous issues will run clear

away from them long enough before the next national election. They will then play with the remaining shadow of fogysim.

The Democrats of York county have nominated Daniel Reiff and John F. Spangler for Assembly, Wm. W. Wolf for Sheriff, Wm. Algenfritz for Prothonotary, Samuel Zeigler for Clerk, Wm. B. Woods for Recorder, and Peter McIntyre for Associate Judge. The Knights of the Golden Circle prevail more extensively in York County than in any other section of the State, and their ticket will pretty certainly be elected. In no part of Pennsylvania has Jeff Davis stronger footing than in that county, and of course they will vote the Democratic ticket as naturally as a duck takes to water.

The State Agricultural Fair will take place at Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa., on the 29th and 30th days of September, and the 1st and 2d days of October, 1863. The most liberal arrangements are being made with Rail Road Companies, and some of the important roads have agreed to carry freight free. Excursion tickets will be issued at reduced rates. The premium list is very heavy and the locality accessible by the Norristown and Philadelphia Rail Road, and also by the Reading Rail Road. For premium list and particulars address to A. B. Longaker, Secretary, Norristown Pa.

We have The Guardian for August, replete with able and interesting religious and literary articles. Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D. the Editor contributes the leading paper on The Incarnation, and displays great biblical research. The Guardian is "devoted to the social, literary and religious interests of young men and ladies," and merits a wide circulation. M. Keffer & Co., Publishers, Chambersburg, Pa. Price \$1 per annum.

The Union Convention of Bedford county, nominated G. D. Trout for Assembly; A. B. Bunn, for Prothonotary; William Gephart for Judge, and John G. Minnick for Treasurer. It is a good ticket and ought to be elected. Wonder if there is anybody on that ticket who withdrew his subscription to the volunteer fund, as did Mr. Shannon, the Democratic candidate for Prothonotary?

The Union Convention of Perry county have nominated Charles A. Barnitt for Assembly, F. M. McKeehan for Prothonotary, Irwin Christolm for Register, James M'Henry for Treasurer, and J. D. L. Gantt for District Attorney. Mr. Barnitt is a young lawyer of superior abilities, sterling character, and will make a most creditable representative. He can hardly fail to be chosen.

We are pained to learn of the accidental death of Alpheus J. Marshall, Esq., a young member of the Carlisle bar. He was in Philadelphia on professional business, and was run over on the street by a furniture wagon, and survived but a few hours. He was an estimable young gentleman, and his sad and untimely death will be widely regretted outside the circle of his immediate relatives.

The Democrats of Huntingdon have nominated John Zentmyer for Assembly; M. Massey for Prothonotary; G. Ash Miller for Register, and B. Long for Treasurer. It is understood that the Democrats of Huntingdon favor the nomination of Hon. John Cassin, of Bedford for Senator. It would be an odd mingling to see Cassin on a ticket with Woodward.

The Union men of Huntingdon county have nominated David Etnier for Assembly, Wm. C. Wagoner for Prothonotary, D. W. Womelsdorf for Register, and John Householder for Treasurer. Dr. H. Orady was recommended for Senator; but we presume that Senator Stutzman, of Somerset will be nominated and elected.

The Kentucky Election has some remarkable features. The Union vote is heaviest where they have felt the war most keenly, while the rich unharmed counties back from Louisville voted more as Jeff Davis would have them. Those who know the evils of war, are unconditional Unionists of the best, strongest calibre.

The Democrats of Crawford county have nominated Patterson Johnson for Assembly, A. M. Osburn for Sheriff, R. H. Sargent for Prothonotary, J. B. M'Gee for Register, E. A. Reynolds and W. F. Owen for Associate Judges, and J. G. Burlingham for Treasurer. That ticket will be second best by a couple thousand or so.

Hon. R. A. McMurtrie has been re-nominated for Assembly by the Union men of little Blair. He will be elected by a large majority. He has already served three years in the Senate and one in the House, and possesses superior abilities with his long experience as a legislator.

The Union ticket in Snyder county is Peter Haldy, Jr., of Montour for Senator; Samuel Alleman for Assembly; Daniel Witter for Judge, and Moses Specht for Sheriff. Snyder elects a Senator with Columbia, Montour and Northumberland, and two Assemblymen with Juniata and Union.

The Democrats of Clinton have nominated Col. A. C. Noyes for Assembly, and John W. Smith for Sheriff. Col. Noyes served as member last session, and was above the average of his party in fidelity to the cause of the government.

The Wisconsin Republican State Convention assembled at Madison, Wis., and nominated J. T. Lewis for Governor, and Judge Spooner for Lieutenant Governor.

MR. RICHARD SHARER, of Fulton county, who was arrested during the rebel invasion and sent to Fort McHenry, has been discharged and is now at home.