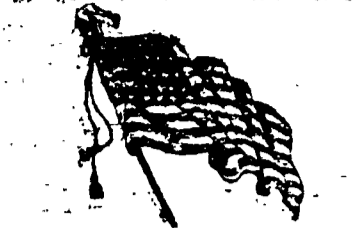


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The Union of lakes—the union of lands— The Union of States—no would sever— The Union of hearts—the union of hands— And the Flag of our Union forever!

H. J. SMITH, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 2, 1861.

THE OLD FLAG!

"The Constitution and the Union— Law, Order, and Economy"

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE ELECTIONS AND COUNTY CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Democratic Committee of Adams county, held at Will's Hotel, in Gettysburg, on the 24th of August, 1861, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Democratic voters of the several Townships and Boroughs of Adams county be and they are hereby requested to meet at their usual places of holding Delegate Elections, on Saturday, the 13th day of September next, for the purpose of choosing delegates to represent them in a County Convention to be held in Gettysburg, on the 19th of September, 1861, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to nominate a District and County Ticket, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.

The Delegate Elections to open in 5 o'clock and close at 5 o'clock, P. M., in all the districts except the Borough of Gettysburg, in the latter the Delegate Election to be held between 7 and 9 o'clock, P. M.

The only power conferred upon this Committee is to continue the organization of the Democratic party—not to break it up. Now we are inclined to the latter course, especially in the present trying emergency of the country.

Always opposed to sectionalism, whether in the North or South, and inculcating high national principles, Democrats can look upon their party with pride, and adhere to their organization, conscious of the fact that the perils of the times demand its preservation.

While other organizations strayed off into Know Nothingism and Wide Awakenism, the good old "Union" maintained its original ground, refused to "sink or swim" with the country, and its noble institutions, Principles of ways thus correct must be correct now, and must continue to be so.

Therefore every ticket of patriotism will prompt Democrats to adhere more closely than ever to their faith, and in this position we can with good grace urge all citizens who have the good of the country at heart to give us their aid in placing the national principles of democracy on a firm and permanent basis, and thus maintain the Constitution and Union in their original integrity.

YOUNG BINKERHOFF, Chair'n. T. W. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

It will be seen, above, that the Delegate Elections of the Democratic party of Adams county will be held, in the respective districts, ON SATURDAY NEXT, and the County Convention to nominate a ticket, on Monday following.

We are well convinced that Democrats all over the county are alive to the importance of the Delegate Elections, but still cannot refrain from saying that they should be well attended, and good men selected as Delegates. We have faith that the Convention will nominate an excellent ticket—one that will not only give satisfaction to the party, but also command the respect and support of the people generally. To defeat such a ticket the Republican leaders here will manoeuvre in vain.

The Republican Leaders have Set their Trap.

"Walk into my Parlor, said the Spider to the Fly." The Republican leaders here, unable to humbug the Democratic County Committee, have, on their own hook, issued a call for a County Convention—dropping the name of "Republican," under which was carried the last Presidential election, and adopting the new title of "Union." Their Delegate Elections are to be held on Thursday, the 5th of Sept., and their Convention on Saturday following, the 7th. The call is not fathered by any name or names, but is signed, "Many Friends of the Union," made up of we suppose, the Republican leaders in this Borough.

This movement is suspicious, in several respects. The call is extended to "all who love their country more than party." To see the hollowness of this term as used by these Republican leaders, it must be borne in mind that the call for the Democratic Convention appeared last Monday—the other last Wednesday, two days later.—If these leaders really care nothing for party, why do they call another Convention? why thus inaugurate a movement which may stir up party strife at the next election, and result in just what they pretend they desire to avoid?

Their call is also printed in handbill form, and circulated through the county. The handbill was printed in the Star office, but the usual imprint to that effect is not to be found at the bottom of it. The leaders must be terribly wicked with the fear that their plot will be discovered, or they would not resort to so small a device in order to disarm the suspicions of such Democrats as they hope to decoy into their trap.

A brace of the Republican leaders here seem to have the whole business in charge. They belong to that class of "party" men who last fall and last winter (when Democrats and conservative men of all parties were striving to avert distinction) declared, "let the South go—we are better without her!" These men not only get up a call for a "Union" Convention, but they undertake to do the work for that body themselves. They have for the past week been canvassing day and night to "fix up" a ticket—and have gone so far as to promise to persons if they will only agree to accept of them. The probability is that when this "Union" Convention does meet its only work will be to confirm the tickets nominated by the leaders in their private councils.

To such an entertainment we do not believe the honest people of Adams desire to be invited, no matter what the name which political tricksters may give it. The whole scheme is to secure offices for men who otherwise could not get them. If there was any other course by which to succeed, they would not resort to this. We are, however, confident in the belief that the people will not be lulled—but that they will elect the ticket of the Democracy, and thereby endorse its position, which is for the country, for law and order, and economy and strict accountability in all public affairs.

The Star accuses the Democratic County Committee of "devotion to party above country." Democrats know that their principles have always been NATIONAL—never sectional—always for the country—never against it. They therefore feel it a part to adhere to their old and patriotic organization, which has for three-quarters of a century saved the country from disaster and disaster; rather than affiliate, and divide responsibility, with a party whose principles a few months of trial have shown to be pernicious and unworthy of the confidence and support of the people.

How is the Star of this "party above country" question? But a few months back (in February), when all true patriots petitioned and prayed for an amicable adjustment of the slavery question in order to preserve the Union and continue peace and prosperity to the people, the Star expressed itself thus:

"Those who wish to fix up their own hands, and those of their children, in the vain hope of securing peace, thereby (the Crittenden Compromise) may do us; we shall neither counsel nor aid it."

The Star further said: "If an adjustment is to be made, we hope that our Republican friends (in Congress) will do it in such a way as not to compromise the PRINCIPLES on which the people decided the late election."

This is the mildest kind of devotion to party above country. And the same motive which prompted the Star to speak thus in February, prompts it now, when it endeavors to paint in the most captivating colors the "trap" which the Republican leaders here have set to catch Adams county Democrats. It is "party" with that power all the time—though it is now favoring the "no party" policy in order to accomplish that "party" purpose. Dark Lanierism resorted to the same "no party" trick, and humbugged a great many unsuspecting people by it, yet it turned out to be the most intolerant and proscription "partyism" the country ever before knew. The people will hardly be deceived again, by the same men, in a similar way.

The Republicans of Warren county nominated a full Republican ticket on Monday week. Accepting the new view which the Standard has of such doings, the Republican party in that county must be composed of very "small minds"—to be thus adhering to "party," absorbed by the "loaves and fishes!" The secret of the business, however, is, that in Warren the Republican majority is large enough to insure the success of a traitorous Republican ticket. In Adams the case is different—therefore the Republican leaders here drop their distinctive title, with the hope of securing access under the deceptive cry of "union."

The Republicans of York county, with a few converts, nominated a ticket on Tuesday last. For President, Judge, Thos. E. Cochran; Associate Judge, Joseph Wilson; Assembly, Joseph Wiley, Herman Kirk; Treasurer, Peter S. Baum; Commissioner, John Elcock; Auditor, Samuel Ziegler; (Windsor); Director, Jos. Croft; Mr. Cochran is at present Auditor General of the State. He need not resign on account of this Judge business.

The Democrats of Fulton county have nominated the following excellent ticket, which they will no doubt elect by a handsome majority: Assembly, Capt. Henry S. Wisbart; Associate Judges, Robert Campbell, Maj. Samuel Gorion; District Attorney, H. G. Smith, Esq.; County Commissioner, Geo. W. Barton; Auditor, James A. Harris; Coroner, Daniel Lake. The Convention expressed its preference for Hon. Wilson Reilly for President Judge, subject to the decision of the district conferees.

Democrats of Adams; turn out to the Delegate Elections, and show that you are still the true friends of the Union—that you cannot be placed in a false position, or driven from your loyalty or your party, by the Republicans calling you hard names. Stand up for your country now, as heretofore, and the conservative doctrines of Democracy first promulgated by Washington and handed down to us by Jefferson and Jackson, will again triumph and be the means of restoring peace, re-establishing the Union, and spreading gladness and prosperity throughout the land.

The Patriot & Union thinks it "would be advisable for the Administration to hint to those party organs subject to its influence, and instruct others sustained by its patronage, to cease the bitter warfare which they have been carrying on against the Democratic party. Many of these newspapers habitually malign and misrepresent the people, notwithstanding bitterness and inviting retaliation. They afford aid and comfort to the enemy, by insisting that the North is over-run with secessionists," thus encouraging the South. These Republican journals, further remarks the same paper, "are doing more harm to the cause of the country than if they were open advocates of disunion."

A Washington telegraphic dispatch to the New York World states that "the severe newspaper strictures upon the members of the Cabinet are regarded as attacks upon the country."

The Boston Post says that this attempt to stifle criticism upon the conduct of public officers will not succeed. It may be desirable on the part of those whose transactions will not bear investigation, but honest man court inquiry. The shallow pretense that those who point out a remedy for faults seen and complained of are against the country, is a paltry subterfuge—the fifth hypocrisy which cowardly gull seeks to veil to hide its iniquity. Deeds are the only acceptable tests now, and by them must all rise or sink.

The Democratic Convention of Franklin county will meet on the 3d of September.

The Democracy of Philadelphia.

The Democracy of Philadelphia, on Tuesday and Wednesday last, nominated a full Democratic ticket, and unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Democratic party, in Convention assembled, at this crisis in the history of the country, regards it proper to declare that the flag of the Union, the Constitution, and the law, and the right of the people to self-government, were extended over the original States and acquired territory under a Democratic President, Thomas Jefferson;

And the glory, honor, and integrity of the Union and the flag of the country were maintained in the last war with England, under a Democratic President, James Madison;

That nullification and secession were crushed out by a Democratic President, Andrew Jackson;

That the integrity of the Union, a successful war, and a glorious peace with Mexico, resulting in the acquisition of the golden state of California, were secured by a Democratic President, James K. Polk;

And it further declares now, that the Democratic party has ever been for the Union, the Flag, the Country, the Constitution, and the security of the people in their constitutional rights, and perpetuated by the Democracy to sustain the Government of the United States and its officers in all constitutional acts in carrying on the war against rebellion, secession, and treason;

As a consequence the peace, unity, stability, and permanency of the Union of these States, the sovereignty of the flag over States and Territories; the undisputed supremacy of the laws and the great glory of a common and united country, can only be maintained, secured, and perpetuated by the Democracy and the triumph of its principles.

Robert Ewing was nominated for Sheriff, Thos. McCullough for Register, and Dr. James McClintock for City Treasurer—besides seventeen gentlemen for the Assembly and a Senator, &c.

The Democratic Judicial Convention, on Tuesday, nominated Hon. George Sharwood for President Judge of the District Court, and Wm. O. Bateman and James Otterson for Associates; Hon. W. B. Heiskill for President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and Furman Shepherd for Associate.

The above tickets are in every way unexceptionable, and will, it is believed in well informed circles, be triumphantly sustained at the polls.

From the Chambersburg Valley Spirit. We invite attention to the communication on the "Union Movement," published in another column. It is a genuine article, written by a member of the Republican party who resides in a neighboring town. We are at liberty to give the name of the writer if equiped for through proper motives. It was upon these conditions that we agreed to publish it.

For the Valley Spirit. Mr. Editor—I was pleased to see that you so freely exposed the so-called "Union" movement in your issue of the 27th. The undertaking has not been inaugurated in this community for some time past—old broken down stagers, of both parties, strike hands to save themselves under the guise of this ordinary commingling of heretofore discordant elements at this time? Does a desire to smother up War taxes, Direct taxes, Income taxes, Bank taxes, Cotton taxes, Botten Clothing, Botten Coffee, Botten Beef, Paper Shoes and "Camp Fixings," prompt the movement, with the nomination of a partisan judge in the background? If these are the objects, and I suspect they are, the honest portion of the Republican party will "hand off!"

I am astonished that the Republican party be willing to go into any such a movement as is now under way. They have all to lose, and nothing to gain by it. The cry about the "Union" is all but lost. The cry about the "Union" is all but lost now. What a multitude of past sins, bad professions for these are expected to cover up now. How many broken down, corrupt party hacks hope to work out their political salvation by singing the praises, and blowing loudly about "stabbing" their enemies "to the breast." Either, or both parties could as well support the Union under their old organizations, or party names, as under the new one. The masses are already weary of the "Union" and they will not go into this more. I do not suppose that 50 Democrats will follow Judge Nill's leadings, and out of this County, in the Judicial District, the Union movement, as the Republican party will not command the Republic, and they ought not to expect it. The former has been our opponent for his and has said many bitter and insulting things of us, and the latter has been an enemy to the Union for the past ten years. A "Union" can't now save either of them. We want straight out Republicans to vote for, or we will vote as we please. ALL REPUBLICANS.

About Secession. We have no sympathy or respect for those Republicans who are continually denouncing Democrats as Secessionists and enemies of the country, simply because they are Democrats. Our experience teaches us that the Democratic party of the North, as a party, is just as loyal and patriotic as its rival, the so-called Southern (Republican) party.

Yes, "just as loyal and patriotic as its rival," and, we think, a great deal more so. We honor the National, however, for uttering the above sentiments. They are manly and honest—traits we don't often find in Republican papers.

Those Republicans who think they are doing good by denouncing Democrats as secessionists, are only encouraging the real secessionists of the South by making them believe that a large portion of the Northern people sympathize with them in their rebellion. This is not the case, and the Republicans will yet see their error, and find out that while they supposed they were injuring the Democratic party, they were really injuring the cause of the Union and giving "aid and comfort" to its enemies.

"This is no time for party distinctions," says the Star. How then must the course of the Republicans in Lancaster, Erie, Chester, and other heavy Republican counties, be viewed? They have nominated or are about nominating straight-out Republican tickets. If it is "disloyal" in Democrats to adhere to their organization, is it "loyal" in Republicans to adhere to theirs? Will the Star answer?

If an adjustment is to be made, we hope that our Republican friends (in Congress) will do it in such a way as not to compromise the principles on which the people decided the late election.—Star, Feb. 1, 1861.

Gen. Cass, with great truth, said, "He who is not for the majority is against her."

It is understood that the Secretary General intends to inform Lord Lyons immediately that British subjects are engaged in furnishing aid to our rebel enemies, in direct violation of the neutrality proclamation of the Queen of England.

Sailing Under False Colors!

The York Gazette says: The old ship "Republican" weather-beaten, leaking, and drifted upon the shoals by the political storm through which she has lately sailed, is repainted, renicknamed, the old name erased, and a more popular name, "Union," painted in large letters on all her sides, and honest Democrats invited on board to assist in again getting her off the shoals and breaking in upon which her sectional crew has wrecked her. To more easily deceive Democrats and Union men, the old torn and faded flag of Republicanism is temporarily hauled down, and a "fresh new" flag with "Union" as its motto run up, and all this will not save the concern from being dashed to pieces. The gallant Democracy have successfully guided the "good ship Democracy" over many a stormy sea, are not so easily deceived. Through the thin painting, that old name "Republican" still is visible, and the new name "Union" can't cover it. The old hulk still leaks.

The new flag floats over the old crew, and the old pilots who have run her upon the breakers and shoals are still at the wheel. Now and then one who has professed Democracy and long sympathized secretly and openly with the old crew, distrustfully steps on board, and is welcomed with cordiality; but the more wise and patriotic of the Republican crew, ever fearful of their destruction when such seamen are shipped, and immediately a score of Republicans desert. They have less hope of their safety in such company, and, "like rats, they desert the sinking ship," "new name, new flag and all." By day the crew grows small by degrees and beautifully less. "We warn Democrats not to ship on the concern—'t is a new helm, new name, new flag and all, won't save her." The fate of the Petrel will be her's. A Democratic broadside will scatter her timbers over the waters. She is bound to go down, and her crew with her.

Party caucuses, party tricks of all kinds, and all the efforts of interested party leaders, will prove of no avail. Republicanism under every name is doomed, and the sooner these busy leaders realize the fact, the better for themselves and all concerned. The Democratic party in York county is stronger to-day than ever before. The young and gallant spirits of the party, and the well tried veterans, are aroused. Democrats who have not voted for years, will rush to the rescue of our beloved country, and honest, but deceived, Republicans, by hundreds, will join their Democratic brethren in the glorious cause of the Union. No false flag carried by the Democracy. The old Union flag still waves there. Let all true patriots rally under its sacred folds.

Atrocious Sentiment. The Philadelphia Inquirer—a Republican organ—in its attempt to justify the attacks upon the Democratic printing presses throughout the country, has the following editorial sentiment in its issue of Wednesday:

"Being in a state of war, we must adopt the Roman maxim and let the law be the law, WHICH CONTEMPLATE ONLY THE CONDITIONS OF PEACE."

Not aside the law, because they are not intended to have any business off of it in time of peace. They were only directed for a time of peace. This is the atrocious doctrine inculcated by a newspaper making some pretensions to respectability. It is enough to make us shudder and shudder and shudder with horror from the terrible abyss to which we are rapidly drifting. What! No law, but mob law, in time of war—no person to be safe in his person or property! Is this the entertainment to which we are invited by the Republican party? The protection of all law is to be taking off, and the wild anarchy and confusion and bloodshed to rule supreme! My kind Heavenly parent the frightful catastrophe which seems to be rapidly approaching.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

Mobocracy Condemned. It is a relief to know, says the Reading Gazette, that there are some Republican papers that have the courage, and independence to have any business off of it in time of peace. They were only directed for a time of peace. This is the atrocious doctrine inculcated by a newspaper making some pretensions to respectability. It is enough to make us shudder and shudder and shudder with horror from the terrible abyss to which we are rapidly drifting. What! No law, but mob law, in time of war—no person to be safe in his person or property! Is this the entertainment to which we are invited by the Republican party? The protection of all law is to be taking off, and the wild anarchy and confusion and bloodshed to rule supreme! My kind Heavenly parent the frightful catastrophe which seems to be rapidly approaching.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

The Lancaster Express, Republican, in its issue of yesterday, cancelled a mob attack on the Intelligencer office, the Democratic organ of that county. In last Tuesday's Intelligencer, the editor, (Mayor Sanderson) thus plainly replies: "That is a game two parties can't play at, and, perhaps, if one printing office in this city is demolished, there may be others that will not fare much better before the performance is ended. We despatch from the bottom of our souls, and have labored day and night, and night after the last four or five months, ever since this unnatural excitement began, to prevent its outbreak in Lancaster, well knowing that no one is safe in his person or property when such rule prevails; but the Republican leaders are determined to force it in this heretofore peaceful and orderly community, upon their own heads be the responsibility, and they will have no right to complain if the full measure of our law is poured into them, and the overflowing by our Democratic fellow citizens."

Republican Trinitization. We believe the Republican leaders now have their traps all set, and their nominations nearly completed. Their greatest need is to get one or two Democrats to allow themselves to be placed on the ticket with a new kind of Republican character. They flatter themselves that they may succeed at the election by various false pretences, if they can only make the people believe that they are not Republicans! Reader, was ever a party so completely obnoxious to all well thinking and patriotic men, and when both State and National Administrations were in its hands, as to be compelled to disown itself and seek to nominate members of the opposite party upon its ticket, so that its own identity could not be recognized by the people? It will be strange indeed, if this transparent trickery is not sprung by the genuine Republicans who fight for something else than plunder—stronger still if any Democrats shall be deceived thereby.—Lock Haven Democrat.

Local Items.

The "Compiler" will be finished from this time until after the September Election at 25 Cents!

PERSONAL.—We need money badly, and it will be a very great relief to us if our friends and patrons will furnish us with a little of the "useful" without delay. If they cannot pay all, let them at least give us a part of that which we are justly entitled, in order to relieve us from our embarrassments. We think that we have been very indulgent, and therefore hope to meet with a ready response to what we conceive to be a reasonable request. Democrats to shun can remit by mail, at our risk. Come, friends, give us a little without delay. We must have money to keep the wheels of the old Compiler in motion.

MILITARY.—The National Guards, Capt. MERRILL, has New Oxford on Friday morning for York, to be mustered into the York and Adams county Regiment now forming.

Capt. BREWER's Company will leave this place to-morrow morning, to join the same Regiment—which, we understand, is almost ready for service.

Capt. HAZEN's Company of Cavalry left on Tuesday last for Frederick, to join Ex-Gov. Thomas's Brigade. The Zoaves escorted them to the end of town, where they took wagons and proceeded as far as Emmitsburg, that evening reaching Frederick the next day about noon.

The above Companies are made up of good material, and will, we are sure, give a good account of themselves.

We learn that Capt. Horn's Company were sworn in and elected their officers on Thursday, as follows: Captain, John Horner; 1st Lieut., J. Motter Anson; 2d do., Washington Morrison; Orderly Sergeant, Wm. Horner; 1st Sergeant, Oscar McMillan; 2d do., Samuel Maxwell; 3d do., Hiram McNeil; 4th do., George Guinn; Corporals, Oliver Johnston, Wilson Long, well, Mosheim Plongman, Jno. M. Swan, Oliver Horner, Emory John, Andrew Anson, Wm. White; Quartermaster, Alex. Walker; Blacksmith, Wm. Wank; Saddler, Samuel Wolf. A few more men are wanted to fill up the Company. Messrs. Morrison, Guinn and McMillan, now here, will receive applications.

Hon. E. McClellan having resigned the Captaincy of the Adams Infantry, (Company B,) and accepted a position as Aid in Gen. McColl's staff, the Company adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we do hereby regret the resignation of our Captain, Edward McClellan, M. C., to resign the position he has held in our Company, for reasons set forth in his Resignation, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his present course he has but followed the prompting of his patriotic nature and he has consulted the best interests of his country and constituency, and we approve and fully sustain him in his choice. And be it further

Resolved, That we do hereby regret the necessity of parting with one who has taken so much interest in the welfare of our company, who has labored incessantly for its advancement, and whose kindness and worthy bearing has endeavored him to all that were under his command.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the County papers.

Corporal John D. Sailer was week before last, elected 2d Lieutenant of the Company. E. Z. Tawney has been appointed a Corporal.

The following Companies, all from this county, participated in the Regimental Parade here on Saturday week:

Independent Blues.—Gettysburg—Capt. Duellor; 1st Lieut. Dr. E. G. Fahnestock; 2d do., John Culp. Uniform—Blue pants, blue blouse, and navy cap—the same as worn by the three months' P. V.'s. 77 men.

Gettysburg Zoaves.—Capt. Sumrall; 1st Lieut. Wm. J. Martin; 2nd do., T. D. Carson. Grey Uniform, navy trimmed with black. 45 men.

Adams Rifles.—Gettysburg—Capt. McClellan; 1st Lieut. S. G. Cook; 2nd do., C. G. Wilson. Uniform—Grey uniform, red trimming. 40 men.

College Guards—composed entirely of students.—Capt. McCarty; 1st Lieut. M. Wiedman; 2nd do., E. W. Roth. Uniform—Grey uniform, navy trimmed with blue, and black pants. No arms. 35 men.

Boek Rock Rangers.—Cavalry—Capt. Horner; 1st Lieut. R. C. McKinney; 2nd do., W. W. Witherspoon. Not fully equipped or uniformed.

Ardenville Independent Riflemen.—Capt. Plank; 1st Lieut. A. J. Fucher; 2nd do., Vincent Wilbers. Blue cloth uniform, 55 men, well drilled. Next to the oldest company in the county.

Gettysburg Zoaves.—Capt. Miller; 1st Lieut. J. E. Smith; 2nd do., D. Lawrence. Blue cloth uniform—neat and coolly. 40 men. No arms.

Bendersville Home Guards.—Capt. James W. Under; 1st Lieut. Steven McNight; 2d do., Geo. Wilson. Uniform—Grey Roundabout, trimmed with black, and dark pants—very neat. 32 men—without arms. Capt. Meals had command during the day.

Seely's Infantry.—Abbottstown—Capt. Roy; 1st Lieut. G. J. Baker; 2nd do., F. K. Eber. Uniform—red pants, white stripe, and neat grey roundabout. 35 men—no arms. Fairfield Zoaves.—Capt. Knox; 1st Lieut. E. McKinley; 2nd do., E. T. Rinehart. Uniform—red roundabout—dark pants—Regular uniform grey—Zoaves style. 40 men, not fully equipped. Lytle, 40 men.

Oxford National Guards.—Capt. Pfeifer; 1st Lieut. A. Martin; 2nd do., Henry Gut. Uniform—red pants, blue roundabout. 40 men. No arms.

St. Joy Home Guards.—Capt. Collins; 1st Lieut. W. F. Baker; 2nd do., J. Eckenrode. Uniform—red roundabout, black pants. 30 men. No arms.

Major Frazier's Battery, consisting of the Democratic and Blue's guns, headed the column.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—On Saturday evening last, CHARLES SHERKEY and a man by the name of REXLEY left Emmitsburg together in the direction of Fairfield. About 1 o'clock that night, SHERKEY returned to the town without a particle of clothing on his person except his hat, and his body showing marks of violence. He was in an almost insensible condition and could recollect nothing that occurred after leaving Emmitsburg. It is supposed that an attempt was made to rob and murder him. He is now lying in a very precarious condition, with little hopes of recovery. Suspicion rests strongly on BOWDICE, who has been arrested and committed to jail in this place to await a further hearing. SHERKEY is an old man and formerly resided in this place.—Star.

A CARD.

Having learned that it was freely rumored in many portions of the County that I was to be a candidate for the Legislature at the coming fall election, I regret (on account of the nature of my duties) that my name is being thus publicly disseminated, and without my consent. For me a political life has no pleasures, and whilst I unhesitatingly acknowledge the duty of every good citizen to take the most private wishes, and interests for the welfare of the country, when by such sacrifices any good will be the result, I cannot think that any sacrifice I should make of individual feeling or interest could at this time result in any benefit either to our common Country, or to those who desire my services in the Legislature.

Whilst I yield to no man in love and reverence for the Union, and in obedience to, and respect for, the lawful authorities of the country, I feel that I differ materially from the views and opinions of many of those who seem to wish that I should be a candidate to represent them in the Legislature of the State; and believing that in all opinions of the Representative and Executive of those whom he is to represent, I feel that I could not effect the good which, in the present distracted condition of our unhappy country, every patriot should desire to accomplish.

For these reasons mainly, I decline a nomination by any party, or combination of parties; an honor no doubt kindly intended by many of my friends, and which gratefully acknowledging the mark of their confidence, assure them from my heart that they can give me no greater proof of their kindness and respect than by permitting me quietly and peaceably to discharge the duties of a good citizen, among my own neighbors, devoted to the honor, the prosperity, and the welfare of our country.

WM. MCBERRY. Germany tp., August 28th, 1861.

THIEVES ABOUT.—Our usually quiet community was within the last few days thrown into considerable excitement by the depredations of the light-armed gang. Many of our citizens have of late suffered severely from scoundrels that go prowling about when honest folks are asleep. One night last week Mr. John Lauer had a valuable horse stolen from his stable. He has since recovered the animal, but the thief made good his escape. A few nights ago Mr. John Shull's hen-roost was relieved of a dozen fine chickens. The same night, or the night following, his orchard also was robbed of a quantity of apples. One tree of green pippins was almost entirely ruined in the effort to secure the fruit.

A few days ago a quantity of tallow was stolen from the slaughter house of J. Shiner, in Hilltown.

On Wednesday night, Mr. John Dearborn's barn was entered and four bushels of wheat stolen that had been left standing on the threshing floor. Not finding anything more in the barn to suit their purpose, the villains went to the spring house, and entering by removing a sash from the window, carried off, among other things, a large can of lard, about two quarters of veal, and a quantity of butter.

It is only a few months ago that a considerable quantity of bacon was stolen from the same house. The same night (Wednesday) Mr. George Smith's spring house was entered and a quantity of butter, milk and meat stolen; and a tree of good apples stripped. I have just learned that Mr. Baker's house was some time ago entered and a quantity of clothing, &c., carried off. Some time since Mr. Solomon Hillman's mill in Hilltown, was broken into and various articles abstracted. There is hardly a corn field in the neighborhood that does not to a less or greater extent bear marks of foul play. In some cases these miserable wretches were not satisfied with stealing, but added insult to injury by wantonly destroying property.

Who the perpetrators of this mischief are, for there evidently must be an organized band of them, is not certainly known; but sufficient has already transpired to fix the guilt pretty strongly upon certain parties. Our citizens have secretly formed themselves into vigilance committees for the protection of their property, determined that this business shall go no further. We to the luckless wight that shall fall in to their hands! He will be as summarily dealt with as "traitors" are by "the Government."

Cashtown, Aug. 31, 1861.

We understand that a number of spring houses in the neighborhood of town were robbed last week—among them George Bushman's, Jacob Seiler's, John Bender's, John Rinehart's and Jacob Eckert's. The losses were mainly in butter and meat.

Miss Mary D. McClellan will open a Select School in this place on the 10th inst. She is admirably qualified for the charge of such a school, and will doubtless be liberally patronized. See her card in another column.

Our friends MICHAEL FRY, of Cumberland township, and JACOB EVERHART, of Little Marsh Creek, last week favored us with a number of mammoth Peaches, the largest in each lot measuring nearly ten inches in circumference. We never tasted better. These gentlemen have our thanks. To friend SHERKEY, proprietor of the large orchard on the Emmitsburg road, we are indebted for a number of superb Peaches, one of them measuring 10 1/2 inches in circumference, and all delicious to the taste. Mr. Shery is one of the most successful peach growers in the State.

Our friend PHILIP REDDING, of Cumberland township, has placed us under obligations for a basket of prime Tomatoes. Always get them first-rate from Redding!

The St. James Lutheran Sabbath School had a Pic Nic in Wolf's Woods, a mile east of town, on Friday last. The day was spent in a delightful manner, all enjoying themselves.

Mr. SAMUEL HERBER has disposed of his Livery Establishment to GEORGE E. BRISMAN, Esq., who now goes into partnership with Mr. NICHOLAS WEAVER. The two combined will furnish a splendid Livery to our citizens.

The call for a "Union" meeting in Cumberland county is headed "Republican Union Party." The Republican leaders here mean that their present "union" movement shall amount to the same thing, but it won't do for them to say so. The main object of the "trumping" of Democrats might be frustrated by an over dose of candor.

The Democrats of Lancaster county will nominate a full Democratic ticket on the 13th inst.

A straight-out Republican ticket has been nominated in Bedford county.—"Small minds," the Republicans on there!

THE WAR!

ANOTHER BATTLE IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY. Col. Tyler's Seventh Ohio Regiment Surrounded by 3,000 Confederates—A Desperate Fight.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 27.—We learn from the Kanawha that Col. Tyler's forces at Summerville, Va., were surrounded and badly defeated by the rebels under Floyd early yesterday morning. No particulars have yet been received.

CINCINNATI, August 28.—The following are all the particulars we can learn of the battle at Cross Lanes, near Summerville, on the 26th. (Monday) which appears to have been a bloody affair: