

THE AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Butler, Pa., Wednesday, Apr. 19, 1865.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

Republican Executive Committee Rooms.

Pursuant to public notice, the Committee met in the Court-house in the borough of Butler, on Saturday, the 15th inst.

Thos. Robinson having the chair, called the meeting to order, and, after some preliminary business, the vacancy in the secretaryship, caused by the absence of J. D. M'Junkin, Esq., was filled, and the following call for the annual County Convention agreed upon:

That the Republican voters of Butler county be invited to meet at the usual places of voting in the various election districts throughout the county, on Saturday, the 10th of June next, between the hours of 1 and 7 o'clock, P. M., of said day, and vote by ballot for the following candidates: One person for State Senator; two persons for Assembly; one person for County Surveyor; one person for County Treasurer; one person for County Auditor. The result of said election to be sealed up and conveyed to Butler by the person chosen by each district as return Judge, to be by him said before the Convention, which is required to meet in Butler on Monday, the 12th of June, at one o'clock, P. M.; which convention shall open and count the vote, and declare the person having the highest number of votes the candidates in each case respectively. Said Convention to have all power necessary to discharge all business legitimately brought before them.

T. THOS. ROBINSON, Pres't. JOHN H. CRATTY, Sec.

Important Decision.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, March 24, 1865.

SIR:—In your letter of 22d inst. you ask whether the 14th section of the Act approved 3d March 1865, entitled "An Act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," is applicable to the call for troops made by the President 19th December 1864. The section is as follows:

"That hereafter all persons mustered into the military or naval service, whether as volunteers, substitutes, representatives or otherwise, shall be credited to the State, and to the ward, township, precinct or other enrollment sub-district where such persons belong by actual residence. (If such persons have an actual residence within the United States, and where such persons were or shall be enrolled (if liable to enrollment); and it is hereby made the duty of the Provost Marshal General to make such rules and give such instructions to the several Provost Marshals and Boards of Enrollment, and mustering Officers, as shall be necessary for the faithful enforcement of the provisions of this section, to the end that fair and just credits shall be given to every section of the country: Provided, That in any call for troops hereafter, no county town, township, ward, precinct, or election district, shall have credit except for men actually furnished by said county, town, township, ward, precinct or election district, and mustered into the military or naval service on the quota thereof."

The 27th section makes the Act take effect from and after its passage. The 14th section furnishes the rule by which men, when mustered into the military or naval service and credited to the various localities from which they come.

The 15th section furnishes the rule by which credits are to be given, when computing for the quotas of the various draft districts. But the 15th section has a proviso, which expressly prohibits the application of the rule therein given to the pending draft. From the fact that there is no such proviso to the 14th section, it would seem that it was intended that credit should be given when the mustering is under the pending call.

But the 14th section has a proviso, the peculiar language of which would, at first blush, seem to favor the idea that Congress intended that the rule, in that section prescribed, should be future to the pending call, and not future to the passage of the Act. That proviso declares that credit shall not be given, except for men actually furnished on said call or the preceding call. The manifest purpose of the proviso is to limit the time within which a credit may be demanded.

This section must be regarded as taking effect from the passage of the Act, unless such a construction is consistent with, or forbidden by, other parts of the Act. As is stated in my opinion to you of the 13th of March, it appears from the face of the Act, that at the time it was passed, there was a pending draft under the call for troops in December, 1864, and it is actually provided that nothing in the Act shall operate to postpone the pending draft, or interfere with the quotas assigned therefor. Now, the rule for giving credits at the time of mustering in, will not postpone the present draft or interfere with the quotas assigned therefor.

It seems to me that there is nothing in the Act that prevents the application of the 14th section to the present draft, unless it may be the proviso thereto. It was intended by the proviso simply to limit the time within which credits might be claimed and not to postpone the application of the rule of credits, when mustering in, to future calls.

I am of the opinion that the 14th section of said act is applicable to the call for troops made by the President on the 19th December, 1864.

I have the honor to be very respectfully, your obedient servant, JAMES SPURD, Attorney General.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Sec'y of War. Published by order of Brig. Gen. E. W. HINKS A. A. P. M. G. Harrisburg, Pa. J. W. KIRKER, Capt. Pro. Mar. 28d District Pa.

THE ASSASSINATION.

Murder of the President.

STATEMENT OF AN EYE WITNESS.

Preliminary Survey of the Assassin.

The Murderer's Escape.

Special Dispatch to Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, April 15. Miss Harris who was in the box with the President at the time of the murder, gives the following account of the affair:

Nearly an hour before the commission of the deed the assassin came to the door of the box, and looked in to take a survey of the position of its occupants. Supposing it either to be a mistake, or the exercise simply of an impertinent curiosity, this circumstance, at the time, attracted no attention.

Upon his entering the box again, however, Major Rathbone arose and asked the intruder his business. He refused past him without making any reply, and placing his pistol close to the back of the President's head, he actually in contact with it, Miss Harris thinks, fired, and instantly sprang upon the cushioned lanister of the box, where he made a backward plunge with his knife, aimed at the face or breast of Mr. Lincoln. Major R., springing forth to protect the President, received the arm. The murderer then jumped upon the stage and effected his escape from the place.

Another Assassination.

SECT'RY SEWARD AND HIS SONS.

Fierce Struggle and a Bloody End.

Attempt to Cut the Secretary's Throat.

The Murderer's Instrument of Death.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

A relative of the family of Secretary Seward furnishes the following additional particulars of the murderous attempt at his residence:

Mr. Fred W. Seward attempted to prevent the miscreant from entering his father's chamber. The assassin snatched his pistol at him twice, but did not succeed in discharging it; he then struck him two blows upon the head with his crushing the skull and felling him to the floor, and immediately rushing into the room he attempted to cut the Secretary's throat, and succeeded in inflicting seven lacerations upon his face laying open both cheeks, but was prevented by the fact that Mr. Seward rolled out on the floor from the impact of the blow, and sprang up, striking the assassin in the back, which established him on the side and succeeded in breaking another son of the Secretary's, and an attendant, reached his horse and made his escape.

The pistol was a long navy revolver, and was broken in pieces by the force of the blow. It is covered with blood. The knife used was one or twelve inches in length, and was also left in the hands of the attendant who was stabbed in the hands, died a few hours ago.

Special Lincoln's Last Words.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, April 15. THREE A. M.—Mr. Seward is a little easier but his son's condition, though somewhat improved, is considered hopeless. He has partially recovered from his stupor, but is still unable to recognize his family.

Not one of the numberless gray uniforms of deserters and pauper prisoners who have been for weeks past so thickly seen in our streets has been visible to-day.

Gen. Grant arrived here at 2 o'clock in a special train from Philadelphia. His presence tends to somewhat allay the excitement.

The letter signed "Sam," dated Hooker Co. which was found in Booth's trunk, refers to an attack to be made on the Cabinet and President on the 4th of March, and advises a postponement of the assassination until the views of Richmond conspirators could be ascertained.

The writer also urges Booth to be cautious as the suspicions of the Washington authorities had been excited and that they were prepared to defeat any attempt of the kind on that day.

The author of the letter, in conclusion, tells Booth to go to Richmond and ascertain how such action would be regarded by the rebel Government.

The last lines penned by Mr. Lincoln were written on a card at about 8:15 p. m., while seated in his carriage in front of the White House, just before he started to go to the theater. They were addressed to Hon. Geo. Ashman, and were as follows:

Allow Mr. Ashman and friend to come to me at 9 a. m., to-morrow.

[Signed] A. LINCOLN April 14th, 1865.

—It is stated that Gen. Lee has expressed a desire to depart for Europe, with the rest of his family, at an early day. He is affected by his defeat. Davis has deserted him, and is retreating on his own account.

THE ASSASSINATION FORETOLD.

A MYSTERIOUS REVELATION.

New York, April 15.

The Commercial states: We have ascertained from a source perfectly reliable, that during a conversation yesterday among the members of a Spanish firm in this city, it was stated that on to-day the greatest news would be received that has yet been known to the public. The fact of this statement was communicated to Gen. Peck this morning by the clerk of the establishment.

A special to the Times says that J. Wilkes Booth, was arrested, about nine o'clock, on his way to the White House, on the Bladensburg road. He boldly approached our pickets, was arrested and brought to the city. This is not confirmed by any official dispatches from Washington up to nine o'clock this Saturday evening.

The same special states that Secretary Seward has given a detailed description of the assassin, it is evident he was a dark person from the President's murderer. Frederick Seward is in a most critical condition, and surgeons are removing the broken fragments of his skull. A private dispatch to Mr. Seward's nephew, in this city, from a member of his family says: "I have just left Mr. Seward's house. His wounds are not mortal, he has a touch blood, but no arteries are cut. Frederick Seward's skull is fractured badly in two places above the temple. He is insensible. I fear he will die. Secretary Seward's throat would have been cut if he had not rolled out of bed. He has been informed of Mr. Lincoln's death.

Another private dispatch states that Fred. Seward is out of danger. Major Seward is not dangerously wounded.

The President's Cabinet to be Retained.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

Andrew Johnson was sworn into office as President of the United States, at eleven o'clock to-day. The ceremony took place at his rooms, in the Kirkwood House.

As soon as the arrangements could be perfected Chief Justice Chase was informed of the fact and repaired to the appointed place, in company with Secretary McCullough, of the Treasury Department; Attorney General Speed, F. P. Blair, Sr., Hon. Montgomery Blair, Senator Fourmont, Ramsey, of Minnesota; Yates of Illinois; Stuart, of Nevada; Hale, of New Hampshire, and Representative Barnsworth, of Illinois. At eleven o'clock the oath was administered by the Chief Justice of the United States in the usual solemn and impressive manner.

Mr. Johnson received the kind expressions of the gentlemen, in which he showed his earnest sense of the great responsibility which have revolved upon him, and made a brief speech in which he said: "The duties of the office are mine; I will perform them; the consequences are yours. God, gentlemen, shall lean upon you. I feel that I shall need your support. I am deeply suppressed with the solemnity of the occasion, and the responsibilities of the duties of the office I am assuming. Mr. Johnson appeared to be in remarkable good health, and has a high and realizing sense of the hopes that are centered upon him. His manner was solemn and dignified, and his whole bearing projected the most gratifying impression upon those who participated in the ceremonies. It is probable that during the day President Johnson will issue his first proclamation to the American people.

It is expected though nothing has been definitely determined upon, that the funeral of the late President Lincoln will take place on or about Thursday next. It is supposed that his remains will be temporarily deposited in the Congressional cemetery.

GEN. JOHNSON SURRENDERS.

Mosby, the Guerilla Chief.

He Desires to Surrender.

WASHINGTON, April 17.

General Grant to-day received a dispatch from General Sherman to the effect that General Johnston had made a proposition for an armistice until Grant's terms of surrender could be ascertained. General Sherman replied that he had full power to treat, and was ready either to negotiate or move on his works, which he proposed to do at once.

It is believed that General Johnston has surrendered.

General Grant has received information of a desire on the part of the rebel chieftain, Mosby, to surrender his guerrilla band at Fairfax Court house to-morrow morning.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE: DEAR SIR:—With your permission I wish to say to all who wish it, that I will send, by return mail, to all who wish it, a copy of my book, "The History of the Republic of the United States, from its origin to the present time, including the history of the several States, and all important events in its history, from the time of its discovery to the present time. All applications answered by return mail, without charge. Respectfully yours, THOS. P. CROFTMAN, Chemist, 831 Broadway, New York.

The Bridal Chamber.

A note of warning and advice to those suffering with rheumatism, neuralgia, or any other kind of pain, from whatever cause produced. Read, posted, and reflect. Be wise in time. Sent FREE to any address, for the benefit of the afflicted. Sent by return mail. Address JAS. S. BULLER, 429 Broadway, New York.

Announcements.

Mr. Editor:—Please announce the name of THOMAS ROBINSON, of Butler township, as a candidate for Senator, subject to the decision of the Republican primary election. Many Republican Voters.

Mr. Editor:—Please announce the name of WILLIAM FOWLER, of Butler township, as a candidate for Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican primary election. Many Voters.

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Arrival and Departure of Mails.

The mail from Butler to East Sandy, by way of Mails, Coatesville, Anandale, Murfreesville and Clinton, leaves Butler on Monday and Friday of each week, at 6 o'clock, a. m., returns on Tuesday and Saturday of each week, at 7 o'clock, p. m. The mail from Butler to Salem Cross Roads, by way of Saubert, Sarverville, Freeport, Shearer's Cross Roads, McLeansville, and Oldfield Cross Roads, 43 miles, leaves Butler on Tuesday and Friday of each week, at 6 o'clock, a. m.; returns on Friday and Monday of each week, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The mail from Butler to New Castle, by way of Mount Pleasant, Pottsville and Pottsville, 25 miles, leaves Butler on Monday and Thursday of each week, at 6 o'clock, a. m.; returns on Tuesday and Friday of each week, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The mail from Butler to New Brighton, by way of Pottsville, Break Neck and Zellenpfe, 20 miles, with two additional trips between Break Neck and Zellenpfe, leaves Butler on Monday and Thursday of each week, at 6 o'clock, a. m.; returns on Tuesday and Friday of each week, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The mail from Butler to Merzer, by way of McConnells, Slippery Rock, North Liberty, London, and Bunting, 22 miles, leaves Butler every day, Sunday excepted, at 7 o'clock, a. m.; returns on Tuesday and Friday of each week, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The mail from Butler to Indiana, by way of Coyleville, Worthington, Kittanning, Elderton and Shelocta, 18 miles, leaves Butler on Monday and Thursday of each week, at 6 o'clock, a. m.; returns on Tuesday and Friday of each week, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Butler Markets.

BUTLER—Fresh Beef, 24 cents per pound. BEEF—White, 22 1/2 per bushel. BARLEY—Spring, \$1.10 per bushel. RYE—15 cents per bushel. FLOUR—No. 1, \$2.00 per bushel; No. 2, \$1.80 per bushel; No. 3, \$1.60 per bushel; No. 4, \$1.40 per bushel; No. 5, \$1.20 per bushel; No. 6, \$1.00 per bushel; No. 7, \$0.80 per bushel; No. 8, \$0.60 per bushel; No. 9, \$0.40 per bushel; No. 10, \$0.20 per bushel.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executor's Notice.

ESTATE OF DANIEL MEALS, DECEASED. L. E. MEALS, Executor.

Orphan's Court Sale.

BY virtue of an order and decree of the Orphan's Court, in and for the county of Butler, the undersigned, Clerk of said Court, do hereby give notice of public sale, to be held on the premises, on the 15th day of May, at 1 o'clock, p. m., of all the real estate, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 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Public Sale.