

Democratic State Ticket. FOR GOVERNOR, GEORGE W. WOODWARD, of Philadelphia.

IN ORDER that the Observer may obtain as wide a circulation as possible during the important political campaign commenced by the nomination of Judge Woodward, we have decided to take subscriptions for the period of four months, at the rate of fifty cents for each subscriber.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. The raid of John Morgan and his guerrilla band, through Indiana and Ohio, has come to an ignominious end.

The chief matter of interest from the South is the surrender of Port Hudson, of which we have had but the mere announcement. It appears that General Gardner, on the 8th inst., sent out a flag of truce asking for terms of capitulation.

The report of Messrs. Aspinwall and Forbes, who have recently arrived from England, is said to be not very satisfactory. It is now apprehended that the rebel fleet will be permitted to sail from the British ports where they were built in spite of all the efforts of the agents of our Government.

Mayor Opdyke, of New York, offers a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of any person guilty of murder and arson during the late riots.

One member of the Cabinet asserts that Gen. Grant is on his way to Virginia to take command of the Army of the Potomac. Another member, with equal positiveness, declares that the report that Gen. Grant is to succeed Gen. Meade is merely without foundation.

The Councils of Rochester, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Albany and other cities, have passed appropriations to procure exemption for poor men.

Rosecrans is still in pursuit of Bragg, who has fallen back to Atlanta, Ga., 100 miles South of the Tennessee line, losing many of his men in the retreat.

From Charleston, we have not much news. Our forces still keep up the attack and are hopeful of success. The rebels claim a victory in a recent fight, but it is denied by our side.

Immediately after the surrender of Vicksburg Gen. Grant sent Gen. Sherman, with a portion of his force, in the direction of the Big Black river, and the following day they met Johnson in a drawn up line of battle.

We are in daily receipt of the most encouraging news from all sections of the State. In every county and town the Democrats are enthusiastic for the ticket, and will labor with all their might to elect it.

A fellow named Falls, wearing a head cap, was arrested in this village, one day last week, by Officer Appleby and taken to Erie, upon a charge of committing an assault upon a woman with intent to commit a rape, some two years ago in Girard.

State Central Committee. The Chairman of the late Democratic State Convention, Hon. FINLEY PATTERSON, has appointed the following Central Committee.

Chairman, Hon. CHARLES J. BIDDLE, Phila. Dist. District, Theodore Cuyler, Robert J. Hemphill, John Fullerton, Jr., Isaac Leeb, Philadelphia.

24, John D. Evans, Chester. 25, William H. Witte, Montgomery. 4th, William T. Rogers, Bucks.

Some gentlemen of easy conscience and moderate endowments, to run as a candidate for Governor in Pennsylvania. It is important that he should have held a Democratic, or at least have claimed to be a Democrat.

We are glad to learn that this eloquent defender of the rights of the people has resolved to take the stump in favor of Judge Woodward.

The Republican papers abuse Gov. Seymour for using the term "fellow citizens" in his speech to the New York rioters, and in his speech addressed them in "words of entreaty."

It turns out that the escape of Lee was the result of a consultation on the part of the leading officers of our army. A council of war was held, in which the subject of attacking the rebels the next day was discussed, and decided in the negative.

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A Terrible "Copperhead." It is positively asserted that the Chief Burgess of York, in this State, who is the ostensible editor of a Copperhead paper, called the York Gazette, went out six miles in search of the commander of the invading Rebel Army, surrendered the borough, and made what he described as a ransom of terms with them.

The question suggests itself, what ought to be done with a creature like this Burgess, named Small. He certainly is very Small—Gazette.

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In a case where the Government receives \$300 from persons, in order to procure a substitute, such Government substitute will receive the whole of the \$300, with \$100 bounty, and \$2 premium added, making a total of \$402.

The following is furnished by the War Department for the information of the public: "When a person has been drafted, in pursuance of the enrollment act of March 3d, 1863, notice of such draft must be served upon ten days thereafter, by a writer 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."

There seems to be a very general disposition among citizens of all classes to have the constitutionality of the Conscription Act tested before the proper courts. It will be recollected that Gov. Seymour made a promise to this effect in New York, and the country will look with interest to his action.

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THE DRAFT.—We are unable to announce the exact period at which the draft will take place, though it is generally understood that the time is not far distant.

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The certificate of a parent that he or she desires one of his or her sons exempted from the draft, should be filed with the Provost Marshal of the district before the draft is made.

Instructions have been issued to the various Provost Marshals, by which a negro is prohibited from being a substitute for a white man who is drafted. The order is in these words: "Any one who is equivalent for a person drafted may be received as a substitute, but a colored man, under colored laws, is not a military equivalent."

After the draft is over, a proper white man may be accepted as a substitute even though his name is enrolled.

FROM THE SOUTH.—The Richmond Enquirer of the 16th has been received here. It contains a proclamation by Jeff. Davis, calling out, under the Confederate Conscription Act, all white men between the ages of 18 and 45, to serve for three years, under penalty of being punished for desertion in case of disobeying the call.

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ING for the Aid Society, to be sent to our soldiers. There is not one of us but has some near and dear friend in the army—perhaps a father, brother or son. Can any one then stand idle and not lift a finger to help our numerous Aid Societies throughout this region?

REMEMBERED.—We learn from the New York Tribune that "the proprietors of a military reimbursement for their loss by a military assessment on the parties by whom they were unjustly and directed."

TRAVELER. SUIT FOR ARBITRARY ARREST.—Hon. Geo. W. Jones, of Iowa, has commenced a suit against Secretary Seward for causing his arrest and incarceration in Fort Lafayette. The papers were served on Mr. Seward on his recent visit to Auburn.

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—In consequence of the threat of Jeff. Davis, to execute Captains Sawyer and Flynn, in revenge for Gen. Burnside's execution of two "Copperheads" who were residing within his lines, the United States Government have sent Capt. Winder (son of the notorious jailer of Libby Prison) as hostages for our men.

—Reports from Vicksburg to the 15th, announce the capture of Yazoo City, which was held by 800 Rebels, by Gen. Herron, on the 13th; 250 prisoners were taken. The gunboat DeKalb was blown up by a torpedo; her crew escaped. The Rebels burned three of their transports and eight or ten steamers that had hidden up the river.

—Henry Ward Beecher has developed a new phase. He had advertised a sale of paintings belonging to him, and from his supposed taste, a number were attracted to the auction, when it was discovered that, with Beecher's consent, the pictures had been warehoused in and sold. There was great indignation felt. And this is the pet preacher of Brooklyn!

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