

The Agitator.

WELLSBORO, PENNA. WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1866.

With justice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan, and to do that which shall achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.—A. LINCOLN—March 4, 1866.

CIRCULATION 1,650.

FOR GOVERNOR MAJ.-GEN. JOHN W. GEARY, OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

"ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC VICTORY."—Scranton has just elected a "Democratic" Mayor and Council. It always went that way, we believe, but that makes no difference.

LATER—ANOTHER.—A reconstructed rebel shot a "nigger" on the 13th inst. STILL ANOTHER.—Some fifteen groggers managed to evade the new Excise Law in New York last Sunday.

This Congressional district being one of the five selected by the Copperheads through which to revolutionize the Congressional delegation of the State, we take from the official returns of the several counties composing it the majorities for Auditor General last year, Tioga, (Harrisburg), 2,226 Potter, " 622

Center, Davis, (Cop.), 189 Clinton, " 558 Lycoming, " 266 753

Republican majority 1996 So the Republican majority in the district was 1996, last fall. With an united party vote, preceded by faithful working, we don't see much chance to elect either a Copperhead or a half-bred Republican. Our opponents are welcome to all the comfort they can derive from these figures.

TO WORK! There are millions of bushels of corn and wheat latent under the stiff, unbroken sward of the rich prairies of the West. But until that sward shall be turned under by the plow of the pioneer, and the rich loam turned up to sun and rain, and the seed sowed or planted, those granaries full of wheat and corn can never be made available to man.

So let us be taught. Rich and productive soil, untilled, is of less worth to the world than a hard and sterile soil well cultivated. The lesson is WORK. Politically, Tioga county bears a proud reputation among the friends of free institutions and a Government founded upon justice to all men. We have earned this reputation as a body of working men. The heavy Republican majorities in Tioga county have been due, and if generally taken, may be due to moral influences. They have not been, and cannot be, fortuitous happenings. Every triumph has been achieved by the energy, vigilance, and zeal of the people themselves.

For ten years each campaign has been more important than its predecessor.—It has been a revolutionary decade. During these ten years, the great work of disenthralling the land has been going on. It is in the nature of such struggles that they should broaden, and deepen, and grow in importance, as they near their final settlement.

And this is why we have found it necessary to say in the opening of each campaign in the past, that it was to be the most important in its results of any which the people had ever been called to meet. It is for this reason that we now, at the outset of the campaign for Governor and Congressman, say, that the contest is big with fate. None of us have ever cast a vote which at all compares with the vote we shall each drop into the ballot-box next October, life and health spared.

The question is direct and simple. It is not whether suffrage shall be universal or limited, though our opponents so declare. It is not whether this or that man shall be lifted to this or that place, though it so appear on the cursory view. The question, the real question to be discussed and settled by our votes this coming fall, is, shall the settlement of national difficulties be given into the hands of the men who lately undertook the overthrow of this republic, and their aiders and abettors in the North, or shall the great Union party, which fought the fight in field and council and subdued rebellion in the South and Copperheadism at home, adjust the balances of justice and pave the way to a permanent peace.

That, friends, is the question which we have to settle at the ballot-box in October. Those who seek to cover it up, or complicate it, are now, as but lately, the open enemies of true and lasting peace.

We are among those who believe Hester Clymer to be thoroughly separated from the people in education and sympathy. He is not republican in the marrow of his mind. He was, beyond dispute, opposed to the war of national deliverance, and proved it by his refusal to vote, as Senator, thanks to brave Union Generals and the brave soldiers who fought the common fight of mankind and rescued the nation from the clutches of treason. He proved it by voting against giving these brave soldiers the right to vote while fighting the battles of the country. And by the unimpeachable record, he can be convicted of treason in all that constitutes the essentials of all high crime.

Friends, we have to choose between such a man to wield chief authority in this Commonwealth, and the brave and patriotic Geary, who was in the field doing battle for us all, while his opponent stayed at home, and sought to plant thorns in the path to national deliverance.

We have no difficulty in making the choice. Rather than cast a vote for Hester Clymer, we would submit our

fight arm to the fire, as did Scovola in the old time. We shall continue to labor with such energy as God endows us with, to the end that truth may triumph and justice be everlastingly established on this earth. Now, as ever, we have no axes to grind. And we only ask the good and true men of Tioga county to put their shoulders to the wheel with us, and altogether give the finishing stroke to treason in Pennsylvania.

We have much to contend against.—Third parties, though important for the time, sometimes greatly increase the work of campaigns. The effort to organize a "National Johnson Party," now being put forth, has special reference to Pennsylvania. Not for a moment do we believe in its success. But it behooves us to work as we never worked before.

The measure of strength is the acknowledgment of all the power an opponent claims for himself, and then to put him down by superior diligence. That is the work before us. Are you ready for it?

The Clinton Democrat asks: "Shall Kangaroos vote?" Yes, if Kangaroos are men, with immortal souls and capable of being raised to the higher state of being.

We answer this question to expose the purity of the arguments and efforts of the Clymer Press everywhere. The Constitution of Pennsylvania prescribes who shall vote in Pennsylvania, and the election laws made in pursuance thereof further define and establish class suffrage in this Commonwealth.—Under the Constitution negroes cannot vote here. Outside of that instrument nobody votes here. Therefore, when our unscrupulous opponents declare, as does the sheet above named, that the Republicans are inviting negroes to choose the men to whom we will entrust the Government, they declare what they know to be without foundation, in fact or probability.

Intelligent men know that Republicans differ in sentiment as to suffrage. Some, like Mr. Greeley, advocate universal suffrage. Others would confine suffrage to the white men. Others, still, would limit it to the property holders upon a basis of intelligence, without regard to anything but true allegiance and good citizenship. We have advocated this view for thirteen years, and shall advocate it to the end.

Negroes owning freeholds worth \$250, vote in New York. The law giving them the ballot there, was made by Democratic Legislatures. We regard it as a bad law. Property has nothing to do with man's capacity to vote intelligently. Better not vote at all, than to vote on such paltry accidents.

President Johnson has declared in favor of enfranchising all negroes in the South who can read and write; who own a certain amount of property; and those who have served in the Union army with credit. We dissent from that. We would give the ballot to all citizens who can give the meaning of the papers and books, and to no others. If, as our fathers declared, the stability of free government depends upon the intelligence of the people, then let intelligence be the standard for suffrage, and neither property, color, nor nativity.

Our opponents dare not meet this argument. They prefer boyish lying and bald perversion of facts. They are wise; for nothing but falsehood can raise them out of the dust of party ruin, if even that can, which we gravely doubt.

THOMAS NAST contributes a cartoon to Harper's Weekly of last week, which contains the most trenchant irony of expression ever achieved by a picture. It is a double picture, one portion revealing a harrowing picture of Andersonville, with Death and Starvation at their horrid work; the other represents Jefferson Davis in a recumbent position, attended by careful and sympathizing surgeons and nurses, and surrounded by the men who undertook to render treason odious. We see, in the first picture, the sentinels firing upon dying men.—In the second, the sentinels are represented walking upon tiptoe on carpeted beats. Was there ever a more righteous exposure of humbug clemency than this?

Jeff. Davis is responsible for the murder of our prisoners of war at Belle Isle, Salisbury, and Andersonville. There is no denying it. No man, not a rebel at heart, does deny it, after calm reflection. Without any feeling of revenge, without any thirst for blood, we say that justice, and the safety of the country, demand that Jefferson Davis be sternly dealt with. Kick snobbish army surgeons out of Fort Monroe, and leave God Almighty to deal with the villain. Give us that, Andrew Johnson. The people, whose instincts are better than the instincts of their servants, ask but justice. Think of it! The "stern statesman," the leader of a crusade against free government, whining about the creek of the sentry's boots! "Ye gods, it doth amaze me! Upon what meat does this our Caesar feed that he hath grown so great!" He whines "like a sick girl."

Gentlemen of the State Committee, give us one of those pictures by NAST to hang up in every Northern home.—It speaks as never man spoke.

"Ye Democracy?" are wholly dependent upon the Boo-Hoo order of political literature just now, and Brick Pomeroy, of the La Crosse Democrat, is their grand lechrymal reservoir. He is tremulous on sensation Boo-Hoo. We segregate a few sample bricks from Laura Matilda Pomeroy's last offspring: "The future is to be bright, united and happy, dear, bloody and terrible, as we choose."

Think of that! As we choose. Just so, Laura Matilda. You, and such as you, chose to plunge this land into the gulf of war in 1861. You now, speaking for the same "we," announce that the issues of peace and war are in your hands. It is to be hoped that you may not again set the fire and run away by the light of it, as you did before. Again: "If the Democracy, in the great struggle now

upon us, wins the battle, the past is ended, the country saved."

"Think of that! The past ended." We had supposed that time, and its events, were continuous, and that it came down without a broken link to the confines of that other, indefinable something called "eternity." However, we are glad to know it, if it be so, that the success of Copperheadism will put a finishing stroke upon the past, and sever the bonds of time. It will give to notice of such great events.—Thank—e. Again:

"If not, we must wade to our inheritance through blood, here in the North, and the scenes of the past will soon be enacted at our own doors."

We hope not. We suspect that the "Democracy" will wade to their inheritance, not through blood, but through the sulphurous slag which characterizes the bootless pit.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENED. Col. J. W. FORNEY, editor of the Philadelphia Press, and Secretary of the Senate of the United States, opened the campaign in a glowing speech to the people of Lebanon county, on the 21st ultimo.

We have never read a more thorough and exhaustive speech than this. Beginning with the initial events of the great war for freedom, and following men, measures, and happenings, consecutively and closely down to the present moment, it constitutes an effort of great power, breadth of view, and impartiality. In fact, it is a concise recapitulation of the history of the country, in its political aspect, for the last five years.

What we like particularly in this speech, is its strongly expressed confidence in the virtue and integrity of the people, and its frank treatment of all the issues growing out of the work of reconstruction. It takes great liberties with the record of public men, and covers up none of the glaring inconsistencies which disgrace even the highest functionary. Col. Forney, in announcing himself as a candidate for the United States Senate, or rather in alluding to the fact that he had been named as a candidate for that position, took care to speak fairly and frankly upon all the questions now uppermost in the public mind. He declared himself for impartial suffrage, embracing all classes of American citizens, without respect to creed, color or nativity, as the only means of restoring the republic to a state of permanent peace and prosperity. We could have wished for a further dwelling upon the point, and an argument for basing suffrage upon intelligence, which we understood to be Col. Forney's meaning in the use of the adjective "impartial."

Col. F. will prove to be a formidable opponent in the Senatorial contest. He is a man of remarkable intellectual energy and capacity, and has as good a record for loyalty as any man in the country. His speech will probably bring the other candidates to their feet, with further declarations of platforms

Last week we published the proposed constitutional amendment relative to reconstruction. This was a concurrent resolution, and as such did not require the President's signature. The President had no more to do with it, except to send it to the Governors of the several States, than John Doe or Richard Roe. However, on the 22d of June he sent in a message to Congress, disapproving of the constitutional amendment. He objects, as usual, that eleven of the States are not represented in Congress, and that the "sovereign people" of the United States have not had the matter submitted to them.

His approval or disapproval is of no consequence. And as to the non-representation of eleven States, Mr. Johnson may as well understand, once and for all, that the loyal men of the Union will never consent to the admission of such representatives as have generally presented themselves at the doors of Congress. They will never consent to the admission of ex-rebels to make laws for this republic. If they were so fatuous, they would deserve another war, as terrible as that just passed through, and they would get it. Admit the rebel States on Johnson's plan, and their representatives will force another war for "freedom and independence" upon the General Government, in less than three years.

We regret that Mr. Johnson should make such a ridiculous exhibition of himself as he did in lecturing Congress upon a matter, with the merits or demerits of which he had no more to do than any private citizen. He will yet pray for oblivion.

The war has actually begun in Europe. Austria and the Germanic Confederation against Prussia and Italy, so far as heard from. The former have 650,000 men in the field. It is doubtful if France and England can avoid mixing up in the struggle. Let it come, and we trust, to the destruction of autocracy, wherever the people are prepared for a more human form of government.

HON. S. F. WILSON. We find the following very just and handsome notice of Mr. Wilson in the "American Loyalist," published in Washington: "One of the youngest and newest members of the House, and a gentleman whose ability of temper and unity of manner commands him to the favorable notice of all with whom he comes in contact, is the Hon. Stephen F. Wilson, from the 18th district of Pennsylvania. As a member of the lower body of Congress, elected for the first time to fill the place of the Hon. Jas. T. Hale, and, too, while serving as a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, he has exhibited every representative qualification to become another worthy member among the number which have been sent from the old Keystone State.

"Having modestly forbore to exercise his vocal power, he has been the subject of the many momentous issues which have been brought before this Congress, a sacrifice as praiseworthy as it was proper; wisely preferring to listen to the thorough and searching review of every question which has been presented, he has been eminently conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his duties. Always in his seat, he has never allowed an opportunity of gathering information upon all points pertaining to national legislation, to pass by without having brought before this Congress, a sacrifice as praiseworthy as it was proper; wisely preferring to listen to the thorough and searching review of every question which has been presented, he has been eminently conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his duties. 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