



WAYNESBURG: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1867.

A SOBER WORD TO ALL.

There is pressing need for the call we have made to our delinquents or we should never have issued it. We have labored in our humble capacity to discharge the duties devolving upon us and we expect remuneration. Time cannot be taken to ask each individual who may owe us in this immediate vicinity, nor do we wish to address a letter singly to those who reside at a distance. Our terms are stated in the paper, you can't make mistakes in sending us so much. Let those who owe us at home or abroad come and pay or mail us our dues! The coming court week will be an opportunity for this which we earnestly hope our County subscribers will embrace. We must have that which is ours, if—

"Only this and nothing more."

SENATOR SHARPLEY, from this District, is reported to have deserted the Free Railroad Bill. It is true, the Senator had been the most of his time while he is at Harrisburg, and he would do well to secure enough to enable him to migrate. It would be required either there or at home.

GOOD NEWS!

Monday's papers come to us freighted with cheering intelligence from the capital. The closing hours of the XXXIXth Congress were marked by most important legislation. The military Reconstruction bill was voted by the President and returned on the 2nd inst. Amid much excitement the veto was overruled by the House, yeas 165 to 47 nays. One Republican, Mr. Hale of New York voting against it. The Senate vote stood yeas 28 nays 19. Reverdy Johnson, one of the President's firmest adherents voted for the bill declaring "that the President could not adhere to his pride of opinion when it interfered with the safety of the Republic."

The veto of the Tenure of Office bill was annulled in the Senate yeas 35, nays 11, in the House yeas 131, nays 37, thus it becomes a law of the land.

The following important acts have passed both Houses, and been laid before the President:

To establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.

To increase the duty on imported wools and woollens.

To declare valid all acts and proclamations and orders of the President, done by his authority and approval, in suppressing the rebellion, and to protect officers who have made what were known as arbitrary arrests.

The XLth Congress convened on the 4th inst. The only change in officers was the selection of Wade as Speaker of the Senate.

The passage of a Reconstruction bill, and the increase of the tariff on Wools and Woollens will impart life and activity to commerce and trade. The XXXIXth Congress has the proud satisfaction of having secured to the country the legitimate fruits of her struggle, and may we not hope that the day is near at hand when peace, and good will, and harmony, shall be the all prevailing sentiments among her citizens.

The State Temperance Convention met in Harrisburg on Tuesday last. Governor Geary was temporary chairman, and made a speech. General Louis Wagner was chosen permanent president. A series of resolutions were adopted. They denounce the sale of intoxicating liquors, and declare that such traffic should be at once and forever abolished.

POLYGAMY DENOUNCED.

The House Judiciary Committee made a report denouncing polygamy as contrary to the spirit of the Christian religion, and relic of heathenism, and subversive to the marriage relation in all nations where it is tolerated. It is simply legalized prostitution destroying the original and divine condition of society. No greater outrage on freedom of religious faith could be perpetrated than to require the people of any nation to sanction and approve by law a practice so deeply offensive. Alluding to the assertion of the recent memorial from the Utah Legislature that no effort has been made to enforce the law, the Committee says the fact is humiliating. If this is in consequence of the neglect of Federal Judges, they ought to be removed; but if the failure arises from other causes, it is the duty of the President to see the law executed.

THE BANKRUPT BILL.

The fact that the House, by refusing by a majority to lay the Bankrupt Bill on the table, appointed a Committee of Conference to join that heretofore appointed by the Senate on disagreeing amendments, is regarded by the friends of that measure as indicative of the certain passage of the bill through both Houses.

Mr. Denow, editor of Debon's Review, died Feb. 27th, at Elizabeth, N. J., after a brief illness.

WHY WAS IT?

It is a noticeable fact that all the Democrats voted against the Tariff in the House. The question immediately arises, why was it? The Republicans, mostly from the North and West, who opposed the bill, did so because it was antagonistic to the wishes of their constituents. The Democrats from East and West, with one accord voted against it and in most instances against the direct interests of their constituents. It plainly shows that the desire to foment and agitate political animosities at present existing, with the hope of factional division, rules their action. They had rather charge the prostration of our manufacturing and industrial pursuits to the Republican party as a mass than to all the friends of Protection in lifting them up. So it is with the question of Reconstruction and all other measures that tend to heal the wounds of the nation. A small flaw picked serves to direct concentrated attack and if possible the overthrow. Nothing can be clearer than their desire to act as a drag upon all wise legislation and vice versa. The people will mark well their course and hold them to a stern accountability for the contemptible motives that prompt their action.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The tariff bill is considered defeated. The House took up the bill and for two hours its friends endeavored by all parliamentary proceedings to save the measure. It became evident that the two hundred remaining amendments could not be considered *seriatim* in time to save the bill, and so the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee moved to send the subject to the Conference Committee, this was lost, and the vote was considered a test one. The Republicans who voted against it are: Messrs. Allison, Anderson, Baker, Benjamin, Brownell, Cobb, Cook, D. Jones, Donnelly, Dumont, Driggs, Eggleston, Paquhar, Harding of Illinois, Hayes, Hill, Julius, Kelso, Loan, McInnes, Orth, Phelps, Sloan, Washburne of Indiana, and Wilson of Iowa. All of the Democrats also voted in the negative, which prevented a suspension of the rules.

Thad Stevens then proposed to save the bill by a compromise resolution, accepting the Senate amendments, which was lost by a similar vote.

The Chairman of the Ways and Means then made another effort, and proposed to introduce a joint resolution increasing the present tariff twenty per centum. The House refused to suspend the rules to receive it.

Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, then proposed to increase the duties on wool at the rates named in the bill, but the Eastern members voted against it. This was the final attempt, and amidst much excitement over the failure of the bill, the House took a recess.

Ex-Governor Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia, publishes his views upon the reconstruction plan proposed in Senator Sherman's amendment. He advises the people of Georgia to accept the terms proposed by the bill as the best they can get, and recommends the calling of a State convention immediately to change the constitution so as to provide for universal suffrage. "The negroes," he says, "were raised among us, and naturally sympathize with us. If we deal justly by them we shall seldom have cause to complain of their refusal to respect our wishes or consult our interest at the ballot-box."

Don't believe Scarcity.—Good jokes and sharp hits are frequently lost or known to but few, for want of a launch upon the sea of journalism. Here is one, as related by X. a jolly, gray headed, old soul, who is always *quid vivis* for any thing that has mirth in it, and which, we believe, has never seen the light.—

It was many years ago when Democracy meant something and when policies were discussed freely, without the fear of having to look a six barrelled repeater in the face. The morning was that of the Democratic primary election, and R.—and B.—had long voted the same ticket at the same polls. They met in the tap room of the hotel, exchanged salutation, discussed the weather, smiled and stepping out seated themselves upon a bench by the door, where the following colloquy was held:

"R.—who do yer calculate to vote for Sheriff?"

"Well," responded R.—"I had some thot 'o votin fur our friend H.—"

B.—turning sharp round—"H.—hell! Why he don't 'bleve in the Scriptures!"

"R.—your's a d-d fool. Scripture ain't no part of the Democratic platform!"

The New York World is a good way from advising the South to stand out against the terms of the new bill. It rather suggests that perhaps after all "the negro vote can be managed," and the ascendancy of the Democracy insured. The meaning of the World, it is evident, that the South would do better to accept than reject the terms now offered. And so the South itself will conclude ultimately.

COMPARISON NOT OBIQUOUS.—Several of the papers have been running a parallel between George Washington and Jeff. Davis. They waste much paper and columns of type, without striking the true parallel. Here is the idea advanced by The Butte Record in regard to it:—

"George Washington—First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

"FAMINE AT HOME."

Ever foremost in relief of distress, in charity for the needy, in the promotion and formation of humane Societies to provide for suffering mankind, the American People, to-day, must realize that the great receptacle of their cheerful and voluntary bounty is their own country. The poor and indigent of our own land demand priority of Hungary, Crete or the down-trodden of Erin—America's poverty calls for the unalloyed American purse strings.

Under the above caption we have received the following circular, which we commend to benevolent hearts in our midst:

New York, January 18, 1867.

Reports of extreme destitution in a part of our country led, three weeks since, to a public meeting, at which a body of citizens were charged with the duty of ascertaining the facts in the case, and, if occasion should be found, of devising and establishing an agency for the conveyance of relief to those in need, from all who, prompted solely by compassion for suffering fellow-men, might be disposed to make use of it.—

The Commission thus established has since been organized, and diligently engaged in its duty. It has secured specific and trustworthy information by telegraph and letter from correspondents who are known to its members to be men of probity and sagacity, and by the examination of witnesses who have recently come from the South, several of whom had made a personal study of matters with regard to which the Commission has been most concerned to be well advised. Consultations have also been had with the War Department and the Freedmen's Bureau, and other measures taken to satisfy the Commission as to the occasion for the proposed undertaking and the best means of accomplishing it; and after extended discussion, and much earnest deliberation, the conclusions which are embodied below have been reached.

First. That in that part of our country which lies between the ridges of the mountains and the navigable waters of the larger rivers flowing through the cotton-producing districts east of the Mississippi, an extraordinary drought prevailed last summer, and that, owing to conditions resulting from the late rebellion, much less ground than usual was planted, while its tillage was extremely imperfect. These three circumstances, everywhere acting more or less together, account for the fact, that in many neighborhoods less than one-quarter of the usual crops were harvested, and that, on an average, the production of food amounted to not more than one-half as much as was required for the sustenance of the inhabitants during the succeeding year. 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