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DEMOCRATIC CO. TICKET.

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The following named gentlemen will act as agents for the DEMOCRAT, in their various Townships, until further notice, and are authorized to receive subscriptions and money for the DEMOCRAT Office:

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Central Committee. Attention!

The Democratic Central Committee of Marshall County, will meet at the office of M. A. O. Packard, in Plymouth, on

Friday, Oct. 3, at 1 o'clock P. M.

As there is business of importance to transact, a full attendance is most earnestly requested.

By order of Committee.

No Relaxation.

The Democrats of our county, knowing we have a large majority, are in danger of growing careless and over-confident. This must not be. We have an unscrupulous and desperate enemy to contend with.—Lured by official patronage and influence, with plenty of the people's money at their disposal, the abolition leaders of our county are making a desperate effort to regain the ascendancy. The secret-sabotage-bound infamous Union Leagues are busily, but silently at work, and every appliance of dark-lunternism is being brought to bear on the coming election. If Democrats are watchful, vigilant and faithful, there need be no fears as to the result. We have a clear majority in this county of several hundred, and if all who disapprove of the policy of the administration *go to the polls* and express their disapproval, we will roll up a majority unprecedented, and which will forever crush out abolitionism in our midst.

If a few here and a few there, thinking the election safe, have a little work to do on election day, feel indisposed to put themselves to any extra trouble and stay away from the polls, trusting to their neighbors to attend to their duty, at least our majority will be so reduced as to show a growing sentiment of abolitionism. It is the *duty*, the imperative duty, of every democrat to work, untiringly, for our success this fall. Too much is involved to admit of relaxation. The democrat who willingly stays at home one week from next Tuesday, and fails to record his condemnation of the wicked policy of the administration, is not worthy of the name.

In times like these we can afford to make sacrifices for our country. We owe it to ourselves and to our posterity to rally in all our strength, and roll up the largest possible majority. See to it that you do not neglect this matter. After election it is too late, regrets are useless. Neglect is criminal.

Election.

One week from Tuesday next the Democrats and conservatives of our county have a high duty to discharge. On that day our fall election takes place, and no good democrat will stay at home on account of the unimportance of the election; it is not unimportant, it is most important; never before was an election fraught with so great results. It is true the offices to be filled are not very important, but the election draws interest from another source.

The principle of free election is to be perpetuated. The principles of civil liberty and a free government are to be vindicated. A tyrant—no less—has for the last year advanced upon our freedom, our constitutional rights and our natural rights, with steady step, and is day by day advancing. One by one he is seizing our liberties, never to restore them. He has trodden under foot our Constitution, our habeas corpus and our free elections. He is now seeking to make the military, under his control, the supreme power in the land. The people can and must eventually succeed in a

struggle against tyranny, if they but pursue the plain path of duty. We must rebuke the administration of Abraham Lincoln by a unanimous verdict against his underlings, tools and endorsers, who make up the abolition county tickets throughout our State. We must speak in tones of thunder through the ballot-box, telling the usurper to pause, and beware, to heed the solemn warning which we will offer, that there is danger in tyranny. He will be warned, he must be; if he is not, then the time will soon arrive when he and his partisans will rue their mad folly. We must and will preserve our liberties. They were purchased at too high a price to be yielded up unresistingly to the first usurping tyrant who reaches out his sacrilegious hand and seeks to seize them. Our first step is at the ballot-box. There is our remedy. If the unworthy servants whom we have foolishly placed in power heed us, then all will be well. If they disregard our voice, then they must come down from their high positions and give way to true men.

The danger is not imaginary. The man who scents at the idea of Abraham Lincoln's seeking the power of a despot, that he may become permanent and arbitrary ruler of the American people, scents at a fearful truth, and manifests his duplicity or stupidity. We must judge men by their actions, and every act of Abraham Lincoln's, since his inauguration, has been to centralize power and disarm the people. We have had wars before, and such a course was not then necessary, common sense teaches every man that they are unnecessary now.

The strength is in the people, by a manifestation of that fact a week from Tuesday, we may save ourselves much labor and much sorrow. Let the election Tuesday be "a stitch in time."

All who are willing to march under a FLAG WITH BUT SIXTEEN STARS: are requested to vote the abolition County Ticket this fall.

All who "heartily endorse the entire war policy of the administration, including the proclamation of freedom," should be sure to attend the election and vote the abolition county ticket.

Think a Moment.

Before a man votes the abolition County ticket, in our County, this fall, he should remember that the candidates upon it endorse the President's "policy," entirely and most heartily. Read the following resolution, adopted by the convention which nominated H. R. Pershing, E. Newhouse, F. H. Hall and John A. Denner:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of and endorse the entire war policy of the government, including the President's proclamation of freedom."

Now if a man votes for one of these men he says to the President: "I most heartily endorse your *entire* war policy, including the emancipation proclamation." Before endorsing the entire policy, voters would do well to think how much that expression includes. The war policy embraces the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus; the right to arrest and punish, at the pleasure of the President, every citizen who exercises the God-given right of free speech in a manner distasteful to His Excellency. The suppression of all newspapers that criticize the action of the administration. The controlling of elections by bayonets. The elevation of the negro to a social and political equality with the white man. The total subordination of the civil to the military authority—by which a Brigadier General is made more powerful than a Judge upon the Supreme Bench. The enforcement of an unjust conscription law, which exempts the rich and forces the poor man into the field. A continuation of the wholesale system of robbery and favoritism by which contractors and New England manufacturers are daily hoarding untold wealth, at the expense of the poor man and Western agriculturalist. A cheerful submission to a system of expenditures by which our national debt will soon become so great that it will crush the tax-payers to the earth—our currency will become absolutely worthless, and every man a pauper. And all this, too, with no good results. With the rebellion un-suppressed; on the contrary, gaining strength daily, by being made a unit by the mad policy which gives annihilation and success to those who oppose it.

The Campaign in Ohio. The President in his reply to the Ohio committee did not claim that Mr. Vallandigham was banished for any offence he had committed against the laws of the State, or of the United States. Whether, therefore, his banishment was right or wrong, it was an act which its authors concluded to have been purely arbitrary, resting for justification upon their judgment as the necessity which warranted such an exercise of power. If we concede that, under the Constitution, the President, as Commander-in-Chief, might lawfully order such action as was taken in the case of Mr. Vallandigham, that concession would not change the arbitrary character of the government. A considerable number of Federal wounded and rebel prisoners have arrived at Louisville.

A Washington dispatch states that the recent reports as to the extensive movements of Federal troops are all a humbug.

The Army of the Potowmack occupies the same position it did a week ago.

The rebels evince no disposition to press an engagement.

Advices from the Federal forces near Charleston are to Friday last. Nothing of importance had transpired. Siege guns were being rapidly erected by Gen. Fremont. Naval operations had been interrupted by bad weather.

A rebel deserter arrived at Fortress Monroe brings news that Richmond is being evacuated, and that the whole rebel army are deserting Virginia and going southward. Escaped Federal prisoners corroborate these reports.

There is a discredited report that 10,000 rebel cavalry are moving up through Mississippi, on a raid upon the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. The noted guerrilla, Col. Richardson, was captured a few days ago in Memphis, having invested that city in disguise.

European dates are to the 16th inst.—The Russian reply to the French note had been received. Its tone was of a conciliatory character. The Florida, it is reported, has been sold at Brest—a new vessel awaiting her crew at Liverpool. The London Times has an article on Canada, in which it says she must choose between union with Great Britain or annexation to the United States, and "by her choice we shall abide."

Are you in favor of the doctrine that all men are equal, and negroes should enjoy all the privileges of white men? If so vote the abolition ticket this fall.

Are you in favor of allowing the President to exercise unlimited power over the life and liberty of every citizen of the U. S.? Then vote the abolition ticket this fall.

Are you in favor of "Compensated Emancipation" which takes your money to pay for slaveholders' property? Then vote the abolition ticket this fall.

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