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FOR PRESIDENT IN 1864.

GEN. GEO. B. McCLELLAN.

Township Ticket.

The ticket put in nomination by the Democratic Convention for Addison Township on Saturday last is one in every respect worthy the cordial and hearty support of the Democracy. There can be no better or more faithful man for the office of Trustee found than J. H. Wilson, as the families of Volunteers and others will readily testify. The position of Trustee of Addison Township at this time is a laborious and responsible one, and should only be intrusted to reliable and competent hands, and it is the general expression of all fair minded and observing men that J. H. Wilson is the right man in the right place. The balance of the ticket is equally worthy and deserving the support of law abiding and truly patriotic citizens, and the Democracy have only to rally in their might to elect it by a swinging majority.

The Ohio Democratic State Convention.

The Democracy of Ohio assembled in State Convention at Columbus on the 24th for the purpose of putting in nomination a ticket of State officers, Presidential electors, and appointing Delegates to represent the State in the Democratic National Convention at Chicago. The present Democratic State officers were re-nominated. Geo. E. Pugh and Thos. W. Bartley were chosen Electors at large for the State. The name of C. L. Vallandigham was put in nomination by his friends as a candidate for delegate at large to the Chicago Convention, but was defeated—receiving 211 votes and his opponent, Ranney 216.

There is a pestiferous class of men in Ohio styling themselves "unconditional peace men," about as meaningless a name as that assumed by the abolitionists of "unconditional union." These peace men made a bold attempt to get control of the Convention, but were defeated. If they would define on what terms or conditions they propose to secure an "unconditional peace," we should have a better opinion of them—but they propose no plan, they howl peace! peace! when there is no peace. There is no man in this country except abolitionists, secession fire-eaters and government contractors, employees and thieves but who are anxious for peace—a permanent and lasting peace on the basis of the Constitution and a restoration of the Union—but the talk about an unconditional peace is simply nonsense and not very good nonsense either. The threat of a few men in Ohio to elect Mr. Vallandigham a delegate to the Chicago Convention and resist by force, any attempt on the part of the administration or its agents to prevent his participating in its deliberations was the mere effusion of passion, and like other compounds of a feverish nature will subside when calm reason shall resume its sway. There is no Democrat or upholder of the Constitution and the laws but what will admit that a great outrage was committed on the person of Mr. Vallandigham—that his arrest, trial and banishment for no crime committed was an exercise of arbitrary and despotic authority worthy of the most absolute despot of the Old World, and one that calls for and one day will be redressed and the present tramples upon the rights of the citizen made to atone for their crimes—but no class of men in Ohio or elsewhere can force public opinion—what the Democratic party requires is power before it can redress wrongs or make any stop in the direction of peace, and this continually thrusting outside and embarrassing issues upon the party, as was done in Ohio, is but ill calculated to further the consummation of the one great object, success in November next. There are thousands of sanguineous men in the country who have not heretofore acted with the Democratic party, who to day feel that on its success depends a stoppage of the war, a restoration of the Union and the maintenance of a Constitutional and Republican form of government, and it is only by a rigid adherence to the old landmarks of the party that their co-operation can be secured and the success of the party made certain.

BETTER THAN MASS MEETINGS.—A Democratic exchange says: "Now is the time to make advances. Flood your townships with newspapers. What Democrat is it who can't afford to spend from three to ten dollars in spreading Democratic papers? This is the way to insure the success of the Democracy in '64. A few dollars spent in this way will do more good than a hundred in getting up the best mass meetings. In this way quietly and surely the public mind may be disabused, and awakened to a sense of the awful condition of our dearly beloved country. Shall it be done?"

Owen Lovejoy, the Illinois abolitionist, died in Washington on Monday. He was a counterpart of old John Brown, without his courage, and has gone to keep him company.

THE WAR IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT.—There is now a fiercer war being waged among the "truly loyal" in the fifth Congressional District of this State, than between the armies contending in the field. Sol. Meredith and Geo. W. Julian are rival candidates for the nomination for Congress, and from all appearances the "infidels" are about equally divided. The Delaware county *Free Press*, the Julian organ, makes the following inquiry:—

What single qualification has Sol. Meredith to represent the Fifth District in Congress? Let any one attempt to answer the question, and we promise the readers of the Press one of the greatest curiosities of the 19th century.

The Mortuaries are all for Meredith. The Richmond Palladium, the organ of the latter, thus pitches into Julian:

A glance at the record of Mr. Julian, will show that selfishness has been the prominent feature of his character ever since he entered public life. It is an admitted fact, that his principal business has been that of an office seeker, his professional business never amounting to anything. In fact he has become to regard himself as having an exclusive right to become a candidate, and we challenge any one to name a single person who has ever been a candidate against Mr. Julian, that he, Julian, did not abuse, malign and attempt to injure by every means in his power. * * * *

As a business member of Congress, Mr. Julian is a complete failure. He knows practically nothing of the business, and spends all of his time after making one speech a year, in writing letters over his district, to secure a re-election. * * * *

He has never done anything for the army, but has continually found fault with those who were doing their best to suppress the rebellion, and periling their lives, while he was safely quartered in Washington writing letters to secure his return to Congress. Not one of his family have volunteered, but are enjoying comfortable positions at Washington while others are fighting the battles of the country. * * * *

What, then, under heaven, we ask, has he done that he must be mentioned upon the people of this district as a member of Congress, to the exclusion of braver and better men, who have lost their health in their country's cause?

This war of crimination and re-crimation between the abolition chiefs in the fifth District is of but little importance to the general reader, farther than to show what a corrupt and incapable set of political charlatans abolitionism has foisted into place and power, and now, like a pack of famished hyenas are snapping and snarling over the prospective spoils. It is an old adage, and a true one, that when rogues fall out honest men get their dues, and it is apt to be fully verified in this instance, for the indications now are that for the first time in many years the "Burnt District" will be represented in the next Congress by a gentleman and of course a Democrat.

THE REBELS KNOW THEIR OWN.—A recent number of a rebel newspaper—the *Mississippi Plan*—contains the following remarkable passage:

"Have our neighbors read the Chicago *Times*, New York *Express*, *Metropolitan Record*, Cincinnati *Enquirer*, or any of the various other papers of the North which are the exponents of the opposition to Lincoln? Have they read the speeches of Hendricks, Voorhees, Merrick, and various others? Have they ever found in any of these papers or speeches a syllable that did not breathe the most orthodox States' Rights doctrine, and uncompromising opposition to coercion? These are the men we wish to encourage, and these are the men whose success will bring us peace."

Can the *Volunteer* explain why it is that rebels look so confidently to the Copperheads of the North for aid and comfort and the ultimate triumph of treason and rebellion?

The above is from the abolition (dis)Union banner of this city. To the closing interrogatory we have but to say: The pretended extract from the *Mississippi Plan* is a forgery—a mean and contemptible abolition lie, but one in every respect worthy and characteristic of the abolition party, which lives by falsehood and thrives by plunder.

We will pay a handsome reward for a copy of the *Mississippi Plan* containing the above article—a rich man would be safe in offering his entire possessions, for the paper can not be produced. This practice of manufacturing pretended extracts from Southern papers by the abolitionists is an old one—it will be remembered that the abolition papers howled and shrieked about the proceedings of the 5th of January, 1862, Democratic State Convention being published with such eclat in the Richmond papers. No honest man ever with produce to sell they will generally do much better by running the blockads, for in several instances we have heard of these blockaders paying but 18 and 20 cents for butter, when 25 could readily have been obtained in town—10@12¢ cts for eggs when our local dealers were paying 15 cts.

THE Daily *News*, of Philadelphia, an out-and-out Abolition paper, says that "candor, as well as a just appreciation of its duties as public journalists, requires that it should state that in its own political household the elements of discord are much more than is generally supposed." We think so too. Let Democrats prepare: the light of better days is dawning.

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"Miscegenation."

Some time since there was published, in New York city, a curious anonymous pamphlet, entitled "Miscegenation: the Theory of the Blending of the Races, applied to the American White Man and Negro." This pamphlet has given currency to the new word "miscegenation," coined by its author and explained by him as a compound of the two Latin words *miscere*, to mix, and *genus*, a race. A writer who seriously advocates the intermarriage and cohabitation of white women with negroes, has little claim to notice; yet the pamphlet on "miscegenation" has attracted wide notice and caused considerable discussion. The New York *Tribune* is favorable to the new doctrine, as are nearly all the abolition journals. Before long no doubt it will be one of the chief tenets of the Republican party.

The following is a few of the recommendations the work has received by prominent friends of the administration:

"I have no hope of the future but in that sublime mingling of the races which is God's own method of civilizing and elevating the world." — *Wendell Phillips*.

"The history of the world's civilization is written in one word—which many are afraid to speak and many more afraid to hear—and that is *Amalgamation*." — *Theodore Tilton*.

"We are wholly one with you in opinion as to the result and the desirability of the result which is inevitable before our country." — *Angelia G. Weld and M. Grimké*.

"This rebellion will extinguish slavery in our land, and the negro is henceforth and forever to be a part of the nation. His blood is to mingle with that of his formal oppressor, and the two races blended in one will make a more peaceful, hardy, powerful and intellectual race than America has ever seen before." — *William Wells Brown*.

—*The leaders of the administration party are committing themselves more and more every day to the doctrine of negro equality and all that it includes. The following report of remarks made by leading Republican generals is still more significant. It occurred at a dinner commemorating the victory of Pea Ridge. We quote from a report in the St. Louis *Democrat*, a radical abolition sheet:*

General McNeil responded, and in the course of his remarks said that hereafter the *elective franchise* should be extended to all who fight for the country, without regard to nationality or color. [General Gray and Rosecrans:] "That's right; that's right."

General Rosecrans said he fully concurred in what had been said about black soldiers. General McNeil has told you he thought that every black man who fought for the country should have a vote; so do I, so do I, &c. &c.

Here are three generals, in responsible positions in the Union army, who openly avow their intention of giving the blacks precisely the same political privileges as the whites. Social equality, including, of course, miscegenation, comes next in order.

—*The Democracy of Cass County, Ind., have presented the editor of the Logansport *Pharos*, their county paper, with a new printing press. This speaks well for the liberality of the Democracy of Cass, and shows that they appreciate the importance of a county paper, and feel disposed to give it such encouragement as will ensure its success and enable its publisher to extend its sphere of usefulness. The *Pharos* is a reliable and well conducted journal, and well deserving the patronage and favor of the Democracy.*

—*It is difficult to account for the ovation of which a black regiment, which left New York the other day, were the recipients from a great many white men and women, except upon the hypothesis that these white men and women do indeed hold to the doctrine of Grandmother Thomas, that "negroes are in all respects equal to white men as soldiers, and in some respects superior." Because, no white regiment, either going to or returning from the field, have recently received an ovation from any body in New York. Surely, the negro is the coming man.*

—*A deserter from the Union Army lately visited Kingsville, Canada, fell in love with a girl there and married her. He sent her to Detroit to buy clothes; she wrote to him to come and chose for himself which he unsuspectingly did, and was given up as a deserter by his charmer, who also received the \$30 reward without a murmur, and went back home.*

LATEST NOVELTY.—A movement to consolidate the six New England States into two is the latest novelty before Congress. The whole six have not the population of New York, and yet in the United States Senate, they have a voice equal to that of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana all combined. New England with less than four now descriptively rules twenty millions of free and loyal people. Is this right?

—*Jeff Davis has taken to imitating Burnside. He is said to have suppressed the Raleigh (N. C.) *Standard* on account of its Unionism, just as Burnside suppressed numerous northern democratic journals on account of their Unionism. It is by the co-operation of secession and abolition in this and all sorts of ways that Unionism is assailed in both sections of the Union. It is between these upper and neither millstones that Unionism is being ground to powder.*

ED. VOLUNTEER.—Please permit me to suggest the name of Dr. J. S. Athen, the present popular and efficient Secretary of State, as a most suitable person for our next Governor, subject to the decision of the State Convention. JOHN M. BROWN.

—*The Boston *Advertiser* says that "President Lincoln is doing the best he can under the circumstances, to execute the Constitution." There is no doubt of it, and he has pretty thoroughly carried it too.*

Tammany Resolutions.

The Tammany Society of New York city have adopted the following resolutions: as expressive of their position in the coming political campaign.

Resolved, That it is the patriotic duty of the Democratic party to unite in the suppression of the existing rebellion by the exercise of every constitutional means, and to earnestly sustain a war having for its only legitimate object the preservation of the Union.

Resolved, That the Republican administration has been characterized by imbecility, corruption, and fanaticism; that it has interfered with the constitutional rights of states and individuals; that it has exposed our gallant armies to needless disasters and fruitless massacres for the sake of forwarding presidential aspirations; and by the substitution of rash incompetent commanders in the place of brave and skillful generals, and that it has notoriously proved itself unequal to the responsible task of conducting the war with intelligence, energy, and success.

Resolved, That the just and earnest hope of the nation is now directed to the nomination and election of a Democratic President who, like Andrew Jackson, has the capacity to conceive and the firmness to execute, and under whose administration the constitutional rights of the people will be regarded, the public treasury protected, and the rebellion subdued.

Resolved, That in consideration of the extraordinary power and patronage now unscrupulously controlled and employed by the Republican party, the triumph of our principles and candidates in November next can only be secured by a thorough and perfect organization of the national Democracy, based on a generous and patriotic surrender of personal and local preferences, interests and opinions.

Resolved, That at this grave crisis in our national affairs, when rebellion threatens the existence of the Union, and the Republican party avails itself of the existing war to disregard the obligations of the Constitution and insidiously labors to introduce and establish a policy conflicting with the liberties, interests, and prosperity of the country, Tammany Hall will maintain its ancient faith and historic reputation by acquiescing in the authority of the regular National Convention, called to meet at Chicago on the anniversary of American Independence, confidently believing that, in the adoption of its principles and candidates, it will faithfully vindicate our devotion to the Union and the constitutional rights of the people.

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BLOCKADED.—Our city at this time is as effectually blockaded by the huckstering fraternity, in the way of procuring two very essential commodities, butter and eggs, as the Southern ports by our Navy. The hucksters, not satisfied to compete with our grocery dealers in buying out wagons as they come in town, or even scouring the country, have lately resorted to the easier and more certain method of stationing an agent at the different Turnpike gates and buying every egg and pound of butter that comes along, which they then ship to the city. The consequence is that these almost indispensable articles of family consumption are not to be had in our market for love nor money. The practice adopted by these hucksters is simply an imposition and an outrage upon the community, and the hucksters themselves an intolerable nuisance, and some means should be adopted whereby the community will have at least an equal chance with themselves in procuring an occasional dozen of eggs or pound of butter. We would also say to the farming community that when they start to town with the paper containing them and notwithstanding abolitionists was ever able to produce it. All the aid and comfort the rebels receive from the North is from the abolitionists, and it is their persistent course of infamous misrepresentation and encouragement of the rebels by assurances of assistance from the North that the war has been prolonged.

GODY FOR APRIL.—For the first time in several months this old and popular periodical again makes its appearance on our table, having lost nothing in style or contents during its absence. This Magazine we believe is the only one in the country that has met the expectations of its friends and has not drifted into the arena of politics—it is emphatically a literary family publication, its contents, both poetry and prose, of a chaste, ennobling and interesting nature. The number before us in every respect sustains the high reputation of the Magazine, and abounds with illustrations on wood and steel, designs for embroidery, fancy needle work, fashion plates, &c.—the double fashion plate, containing six figures, truthfully and artistically colored being a speciality.

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PEACH TREES.—Experienced fruit growers in the East assert that the recent cold weather did not kill entirely the peach trees and advise growers not to cut them down, but to trim them thoroughly, cutting off the main limbs within three or four inches of the body of the tree. Cut the limbs upwards with a sharp instrument of some kind. They advise against the use of the saw. They assert that this method has been resorted to on former occasions and proved most beneficial, new shoots rapidly coming out, and in two or three years bearing abundantly. The experiment is certainly worth trying.

CORRESPONDENCE.—The attention of the reader is invited to a correspondence between Gov. O. P. Morton and Joseph Ristine, Auditor of State, which will be found on the 4th page of to day's *Volunteer*. It is rich and racy and will well repay a perusal. If old Joe does not chew our "noble Governor" up small, there is no virtue in words.

DIED.

On the 16th inst. at half past 12 A. M., after a brief illness of 26 hours, Miss *Amelia Ann Woods*, only daughter of George and Henrietta Woods, aged 14 years, two months and 17 days.

She has gone from our midst. She has joined her friends in that Celestial abode. We mourn her loss. She was like the opening rose bud; when she had the fairest prospects for a long and useful life she was taken away. All earth looked bright and fair to her. She has gone where eternal pleasure reigns supreme.

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Resolved, That the members of this Society will wear the badge of mourning for the period of one month, as a testimonial of respect for our deceased member.

Resolved, That instead of erasing her name from the roll we continue to call it during the time of our mourning.

Resolved, That a copy of this notice be put within the minute Book and filed away, and that a copy shall be sent to the bereaved family and also be published in the *Shelby Volunteer*.

Resolved, That in consideration of the existence of the Eye and Ear, we will

Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad.

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