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Kloppt sein neue verrike.

Dem Neunzehter, gittiges hempt
Kelch ich gab fur am redden
Mit eueren secession principle
Kont ihr euch nicht mehr bockeen.

Aber wer der teufel aneinde mach
Dem wird er einen auch helfen
Dei copperheads tapfen herum
Ah wei dei ist auf seiten

Sie wissen dieses das ganz gelder
Ihr das ist gehen schlaken
Morgan's steigen sie fleh nuf
Farebtrieh aufgehlaeen.

McCLELLAN.

When Philip of Macedon defeated the United States in 1861, he was accompanied, amongst other "heads and gentlemen," by Maurice Sand, the only son of Mary Sand, the great romancer. This gentleman indulging his motherly fancy for writing, of course wrote a book in which there are many curious and intelligent appreciations of ourselves and our institutions.

One of the most remarkable pages of his book is his description of the impression made by some Yankees at the White House, when the President received the Prince and his suite at dinner. "Never did a travelled—civil—courtesy at an interesting moment—in any mouth which has all at stake—is unknown of the greatest peoples—to manifest in its very existence hungry like the Yankees; but the Yankees (Napoleon) think it impossible that a liberty so heroically conquered, so wonderfully sustained, and which has in a few years made itself into a great nation, can perish. The Union must conquer!"

"Prior of the most incredible events of any side here (in Washington) is to hold myself seated here at the table of the White House, beside Senator Sumner, our old friend and companion of our pleasant journey in Switzerland. He is the brother of your friend and a man of great intelligence and refinement. Opposite to me sits one of the Generals of this war—General George B. McClellan. He has a martial and intelligent face, simple, unostentatious manners, and is about thirty-five years old. He was educated at West Point and visited the Crimea, at the time of the war, on a tour of military inquiry.

"I gaze on him, wondering what he will achieve, when a voice that always speaks words of truth and prophecy whispers in my ear, 'You are looking at the future military dictator of America. His opinions are widely different from those of the party he is supposed to belong to. From those of all persons. He aims higher than people dream of; he aims at changing all things, even the form of Government; he aims at nothing else than being our first Consul. A difficult game, easy to conceive, difficult to achieve. Has he the ability and daring to do it?"

—An officer in Georgia writes: One night Gen Sherman was out on the line, and observed a light on the mountain opposite. Thinking it was a signal light of the enemy, he remarked to his artillery officer that a hole could easily be put through it.—Whereupon the officer turning to the Corporal in charge of the gun, said: "Corporal, do you see that light?" "Yes, sir." "Put a hole through it," said the Captain. The Corporal sighted the gun, and when all was ready he looked up and said, "Captain, what's the moon." "Don't care for that," was the Captain's ready response, "put a hole thro' it anyhow!"

—Are not the words of the Richmond *Enquirer* true, when it says, "Every defeat of Lincoln's forces inures to the advantage of McClellan?"

Are not the words of the Charleston *Courier* true, when it says that there is "an intimate connection" the armies of the Confederacy and the Mobetween Chellanites, and that the victory of the rebels "insures the success of McClellan—their failure insures his defeat?"

The Copperhead Candidate for Vice President.

Geo. H. Pendleton, the Chicago nominee is one of the most blatant sympathizers with treason and traitors in the free States. While in the Congress of the United States he persistently pursued a course calculated to encourage the armed enemies of his country, and to foster secession and treason of all kinds and grades. Let the honest men of all parties in the public service and then say whether as patriotic men and good citizens they can cast their votes for him. The following quotations and comments are taken from a speech made by him in Congress and published in the Congressional Globe:

"The Copperheads are now in power in Ohio, and they are the representatives of the rebellion in force at home."

"The sympathizers of the rebellion in force at home."

1. The suppression of the rebellion by force of arms.
2. The paramount authority of the National Constitution and laws.
3. Submission to the supremacy of the rebellion by force of arms.
4. Enforcement of the laws.
5. Establishment of peace as soldiers.
6. Full protection for the rights of all soldiers of whatever race.
7. No compromise with rebels.
8. Encouragement of foreign Emigration.
9. The speedy construction of the Pacific Railroad.
10. The national credit should be sustained and the use of the national currency promoted.
11. That the republican government on this continent should be maintained and the intervention of European monarchies in American affairs discouraged and opposed.

THE COPPERHEAD PLATFORM.

1. That the war is a failure.
2. That the Union cannot be restored by war.
3. That the arrest of traitors and the suppression of disloyal treason is an infraction of constitutional rights.
4. That the rights of traitors are of more value than the preservation of the Union and the safety of the nation.
5. That the right of rebels and traitors to control our elections is constitutional and too precious to be trifled with.
6. An immediate armistice, involving the raising of the blockade, the release of the whole southern coast, the withdrawal of our armies, the abandonment of the Mississippi, the loss of the national capital and the surrender of all territory between Pennsylvania and the Rio Grande from the Ohio river to the mouth of the Mississippi.
7. A convention of all the States to alter the constitution so as to make it suit the rebels and to nationalize slavery.
8. That all measures adopted by the Administration are unwarrantable and unlawful.
9. That our white soldiers who are prisoners in the hands of the rebels ought to be released, and the colored prisoners abandoned to hopeless slavery or death.
10. That the sympathies of the Democratic party are with all our white soldiers and against all black ones.

Gen. John Cochran.

This distinguished "orator of Freedom" (until recently a candidate for Vice President on the Democrat ticket) is now stumping this State for Old Abe. On Saturday night Gen. Simon Cameron introduced him to the Union League as the Colonel in the field who proposed to arm the slaves of rebels in behalf of the Union. In the course of Gen. Cochran's speech he electrified his audience by saying:

"There is no palmer in the ranks for the Union as it was [applause.] Every sunset that explodes connections this doctrine: 'The Union as it should be.' [Cheers.] You may listen to the war of artillery for an entire day, but you can never force that sound to anything else than a claim for the recognition of Southern independence. What! Go retiring into Hicrosod. [Cheers.] Hood at Atlanta. [Cheers.] Early stinging out of the Valley. Sherman with his invincible conquering army, driven from dogs before him. [Cheers.] Grant—the Grant by which we hold our American title—unconstitutional surrender Grant, with his hold upon the throat of Southern chivalry! Hey! return into the Union now. [Cries of "Never."

"The Union forever! is the logic of the war, and who talks of virtual conquerors when the enemy's mouth is proclaiming its own award.? [Deafening applause.] No! Pure and simple as the English language is that of the cannon at the front!" "Lay down your arms and you shall have such Union as we choose to give you," are the words to which it gives utterance. What rights have they who have slain our brethren? Rights they shall have—the rights of humanity, the rights of freedom, and the right to submit to the laws and the government of the majority; but first they shall have—the rights of the Union, of the laws, of the Union. [Uproarious applause.]

The RIVAL PLATFORMS.

For the convenience of persons who have occasion frequently to refer to the two platforms of the two great political organizations in the present Presidential canvass, we publish the following analysis of them in a condensed shape:

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Benedict Arnold and the Copperheads.

[*From the New York Times.*]

Benedict Arnold, on the 20th day of October, 1780, issued the following proclamation to the citizens and soldiers of the United States:

"You are promised liberty by the leaders of your affairs, but there is no individual in the enjoyment of it, savine your oppressors. Whatever you dare to speak or write what he thinks against the tyranny by which has robbed you of your property, imprisons your sons, drags you to the field of battle, and is daily deluging your country with blood?

"Your country was once happy, and had the profoundest peace been endeared, the last two years of misery had been spent in peace and plenty, and enjoying the desolation of the quarrel that would have set the interests of Great Britain and America in a true light, and cemented their friendships.

I wish to lead a chosen band of Americans to the attainment of *peace, liberty, and safety*, the first object to take the field.

What is America but a land of widows, orphans, and beggars? But what need of argument to such as feel infinitely more misery than tongue can express? I give my promise of most affectionate welcome to all who are disposed to join me in measures necessary to close the scene of our affliction, which must increase until we are satisfied with the liberality of the mother country, which still offers us protection and exemption from all taxes but such as we think fit to impose upon ourselves.

BENEDICT ARNOLD.

OCTOBER 20, 1780.

The traitor here makes *eight* points against the Continental Congress and Washington, the Commander-in-Chief.

First. That freedom of speech and of the press has been taken away.

Second. That property has been appropriated.

Third. That illegal imprisonments have been made.

Fourth. That odious conscriptions have been imposed.

Fifth. That peace, which might have been had, was refused.

Sixth. That the first objects in taking the field have been abandoned.

Seventh. That the country has been deluged with blood, and made a land of widows and orphans.

Eighth. That it is necessary to join him, in order to close these afflictions and return to posterity.

Now we defy any man to make out a more complete record of a Copperhead harangue in 1864. Take any of the set speeches, we care not which. Turn for instance to that made by Horatio Seymour in Milwaukee, in contest from which we published last Tuesday. His points are as follows, and we use his own words:

First. "The freedom of speech and of the press is denied us."

Second. "It is your property, the property of Northern tax payers, which is confiscated."

Third. "Men have been torn from their families and locked up in prison, and women too."

Fourth. "Men are told that they must leave their homes and devote themselves to war."

Fifth. "The policy of the Administration has placed hindrances in the way of the Union."

Sixth. "The administration has entered upon a settled policy dangerous to the welfare of the country."

Seventh. "In God's name, are there no means by which we can save the lives of husbands and brothers?"

Eighth. "We nominated McClellan that we might restore prosperity and peace to the people."

Thus are the points made by Horatio Seymour against the administration in 1864, identical, point with point, with those made by Benedict Arnold against Washington and the Continental Congress in 1780. We see precisely what Mr. Seymour meant when, towards the close of his speech, he asserted, "our views came from our fathers." They are the views which the Tory fathers, through their executor, Benedict Arnold, bequeathed to their Copperhead children.

A Squib.

We are indebted to a friend way up country for a copy of Joyce's Almanac for 1865, and of the carriage pertinent to the same. We hit upon the following "squib" which is too good to pass by unnoticed:

An Irishman who hung out a striped petticoat for a flag, was asked what it meant. "Why, sure," said he, "*it's the emblem of the country I love.*"

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.—Buss—to kiss. Rubus—to kiss again. Blunder-buss—two girls kissing each other. Omni-bus—to kiss all the girls in the room. Bus-tee—a general kisser. *E plori-bus-unum*—a thousand kisses in one.

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT
ANDREW JOHNSON, of Tennessee.

NATIONAL UNION ELECTORAL TICKET.
SENATORIAL.
MORTON M'MICHAEL, *of Philadelphia.*
THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, *Beaver County*
REPRESENTATIVE.

1. Robert P. King,
2. Geo. M. Coates,
3. Henry Bumm,
4. William T. Kerne,
5. Bartle H. Jenks,
6. Chas. M. Banks,
7. Robert Parke,
8. William Taylor,
9. John A. Hainsud,
10. Richard A. Coryell,
11. Edward Halliday,
12. Charles F. Ziegler,
13. Elias W. Hall,
14. Charles W. Shriner
15. John Wister,
16. D. M'Connaghy,
17. David W. Woods,
18. Isaac Benson,
19. John Patton
20. Samuel B. Dick,
21. Everhard Biever,
22. John F. Penny,
23. Ebenezer M. Jenkins,
24. J. W. Blanchard.

COUNTY TICKET.

CONGRESS
William B. Mintzer, City.

STATE SENATE.
Maj. William M. Briner, City.

ASSEMBLY.
Dr. E. S. Griessemer, Oley.
Lewis D. Custar, Amity.
George W. Yeager, Berwick.

COMMISSIONER.
Jonathan Beiber, Sr., Ruscitown.

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR.
George Gernant, Heidelberg.

AUDITOR.
Henry Burkhalter, Hamburg.

CORONER.
John Y. Seiders, City.

Freemen! To the Polls!

The time for action has arrived. To the polls, and to vote, is now the duty of every good citizen. We have not only the rebel cause that ever engaged the attention of men, but we have candidates who are, one and all, honest capable and patriotic. This year, the true men—the farmers, mechanics manufacturers, clergymen, school masters, doctors, lawyers and all who are for preserving this glorious old government, did their whole duty in the primary meetings of the Union party, and secured the selection of the very best men as their standard bearers. This is not only the case in Berks County but also in Schuylkill, Lehanon, Dauphin, Union, Lancaster, Carbon, Northampton, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Philadelphia, and, indeed, everywhere.

Now let the people of every County come up to the good work, each man in his ward, borough or township, and see to it that *every* Union vote is polled.

We are sure of victory. But, let the victory be *overwhelming*, so as to convince all rebels, traitors and their sympathizers that the people of Pennsylvania understand the value of freedom, Union and progress. Let the foreign enemies of Republican government, know that we are in earnest—that this foul rebellion shall be, and will be, put down. This can only be done by an overwhelming Union victory this day.

Vote the whole ticket, don't scratch. See that your neighbor vote. If he is sick, make him comfortable bed on a wagon, and, him quietly, take your time to it, *but bring him to the polls*, so as to enable him to vote FOR THE GLORIOUS OLD UNION. If your neighbor is old and feeble, assist him by all means to get to the polls. In a word, poll every vote for the Union, and if any of the Union candidates fail to be elected, you will have the consolation of knowing that it is not your fault.

Vote early!

☞ Remember, the Democrats were in power in every State that seceded from the Union under Jeff Davis. That's the way they adhered to the Constitution in the past. The Chicago platform says they will adhere to the Union in the future *in the past.* Command is unnecessary.

LOOK AT THE TICKETS!

AND VOTE EARLY, FOR THE UNION!

Union Voters of Berks County! Do your whole duty on Tuesday next! If necessary shut up your business for this one time and devote the entire day to your country. Examine your ticket, and see that it is all right.

Now mind,

William M. Hiester,

is the Union Candidate for Congress. Everybody in Berks County knows who, and what he is. He is unconditionally for the Union, and against Secession and Treason. He is a Statesman, and every Union Voter may well feel proud of such a Candidate. He is an honest man, and he loves his country more than any party. His opponent is not a Union man, but, a doublefaced demogogue—everything and anything to get votes. He has usurped the leadership of the democratic party, and rolies only upon the strength of his party for success. Vote for Hiester, and vote early in the day.

Major William Briner,

is the Union Candidate for the State Senate. He is an honest man, and he is capable. He is not a loud-mouthed blowing politician, but a modest, intelligent, straight-forward business man. He has fought bravely and desperately for his country. He deserves the vote of every Union man in Old Berks. Vote for Briner, and vote early.

Griesemer, Custar and Yeager.

three as good men as can be naked together in any County. All admit the fact that this is the best and strongest Assembly Ticket ever nominated in Berks County. Vote for every man and vote early.

Jonathan Beiber, Sr.

is the Union Candidate for Commissioner. Where could a better man have been found? Be sure that his name is on your ticket for this very important local office. Vote early.

George Gernant,

is the Union Candidate for Director.—No man is more highly esteemed than he. He is extensively known, He has filled office, and never failed to satisfy public expection. Vote for him, and vote early in the day.

Henry Burkhalter.

Candidate for Auditor is a man of high character, a good business man and deserves the vote of every citizen of Berks County. Vote for him, early.

Private John Y. Seiders.

the Union Candidate for Coroner, when traitors declared and commenced war against the Union, he shouldered his musket, strapped his knapsack upon his back, marched to the front, fought our battles and lost a leg. He is a cripple for life. But, John is a good, true, honest man, and if he is not elected, the disgrace will belong to those who are mean enough to vote against him.—Vote early in the day, for bravo, glorious, John Y. Seiders.

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Watch the Polls.

Emerson Etheridge, the double eyed traitor, said in his Speech at the Copperhead meeting in Independence Square, Phila., a week or so ago, that they the Copperheads, were determined to carry Pennsylvania by fair means or foul. He said they intended to vote in the strong Copperhead counties until they had enough. They intend to cheat anyhow, over they can. Watch them closely on the day of election. Stand at the window and challenge every doubtful vote. See too, that the votes in the box compare with the tally lists. Watch the Copperheads and don't let them cheat.

Beware of Lies and Forgeries!

Union men of Pennsylvania! Beware of lies, forgeries, tricks and dodges! The enemy is doing hard and he is very desperate. Let no stories, lies, false reports, or anything that may appear, in handbill, newspaper or otherwise, deceive you, or induce you to vote against your party. Come up manfully to the good work. Listen to nothing that is not for the Union cause. Poll every vote. Vote early.

George Ballock.

Union man of Montgomery and Lehigh! George Ballock is running as your candidate for Congress, not for the sake of getting office, but, to serve his country. Should he be elected, and he can and will be if every man does his duty, you will have a right to be proud of your representative, and history will give you credit for having done a noble act.

Look out for Sockdolagers.

Allegheny County is good for 5000, Union majority. Lancaster for 7500, Philadelphia for 6000, Bedford for 4000, Chester for 3000 and Tioga for 2000 more, making in all 31,000. All the Democratic Counties in the State, won't amount to this figure, even if Berks should go Democratic, which is not probable) and Northampton 2000, Monroe 2000, Green 2000, Lehigh 2000 and Goddlesaken, benighted York 2000. Then add to this Union majority counties named, 1500 in Lebanon, 1500 in Delaware 1500 in Union and Snyder, 1000 in Blair, 1000 in Susquehanna, 1500 in Dauphin, 2000 in Indiana, 2000 in Lawrence, 2000 in Crawford, 3000 in Erie, 1000 in Beaver and very good majorities in Venango, Butler, Westmoreland, Potter, Mercer, and so forth. We firmly believe that without the soldier's vote the majority, in Pennsylvania will be at least 30,000 or, with said vote, at Cash 50,000.

Let us make it 60,000, just to look well. To do this poll every Union vote, and vote early.

The Skies are Bright!

Everywhere, in the great State of Pennsylvania, the friends of Union have up and doing, while the opposition have no hope of success save Tuesday except in a few localities. If we are not greatly mistaken we will elect at least fifteen and probably sixteen out of the twenty-four members of Congress. The next State Senate will be Union by about two to one, and the House of Representatives cannot be less than sixty Union members out of one hundred. The popular vote, we venture to predict, will be, as it ought to be, overwhelming in our favor.

VOTE EARLY!

Go to the polls, and vote early in the day. If you delay until there is a rush, the chances are, the number whose especial duty it is to get out voters, will begin to enquire about you, and after you, and unbeknowingly to yourself, you should be against *being challenged* votes to the polls. Now, don't fail to vote early. Let every reader of FATHER ABRAHAM, be sure to have his name *on the field* cannot vote, (for which they are indebted to the Copperhead Legislature of that State) but there is no reason to doubt that the people, knowing the value of so sterling a Governor, will claim the privilege of re-electing Gov. Morton for a second term.

Now friends in Pennsylvania, it is for us to add the Keystone State to the list and make the October elections a unit in sustaining the Government of the country.

People of Berks, are you ready. A vote here counts as much as Lancaster, or Allegheny—and it behooves every man to act as though he felt that the issue depended on his *individual* exertions. Work first yourself and then see that your neighbor whom you can influence, vote also, and all will be well.

Poll Committees.

Many a vote is lost to the good cause from the negligence and inattention of our friends at the polls.

See to it then, reader, that your district is properly blocked—that a suitable Committee is at the polls during the *entire day*, that carriages are sent for the aged and infirm, and that no vote for the Union is unpolled at 7 o'clock P. M.

A glorious victory will amply repay you for the trouble.

☞ Remember that Ancona voted against the Soldiers' Amendment.

Silent Voting.

We have reason to believe that there are many persons in the county, who whilst they do not wish to separate themselves entirely from their party associations, will on the occasion, refuse to vote in opposition to their better judgements, and against the interests of their country.

Let our friends, all and only, in the discharge of this patriotic duty.

People of Berks! You have placed before you two candidates from whom you must select a Representative in Congress for the next two years.

The contrast between them is so great, in respect to their intelligence, their position in society, and their ability to serve you with credit, that there ought to be no shadow of doubt as to your choice on Tuesday next. What then will you do? Consider well, we entreat you, your responsibility in this our National crisis, and do not fail to give to your government a cordial and unwavering support.

Indicate by your choice, that let others do as they may, you will stand by your country; be true to her institutions, and have as your Representative in Congress a man, whose Democracy is of the type of Jefferson and Jackson, who has no sympathy with treason or its abettors, and who will not belie the character of our people, by voting in the manner most acceptable to Jeff Davis and his supporters. North and South.

Vote in short for your friend and neighbor—the man in whom you have perfect confidence. Vote for Wm. M. Hiester, a true Democrat—the people's candidate.

Silence gives Consent.

It is a notorious fact that Ancona has not dared to deny the statement of one of our most respectable citizens, that he is for the defeat of Major Wanner, at the *special* election in November 1858. The friends of Major Wanner will please bear this in mind and see that they go to the polls, Tuesday next. The man, who influenced by personal considerations, refuses to support the nominee of his party, cannot justly claim its support when he himself is a candidate. It is a bad rule that don't work both ways.

Hon. N. G. Taylor.

We are happy to announce that Col. N. G. Taylor of East Tennessee, will address the people of Berks county on the trials and privations of the inhabitants of that portion of the South, on next Saturday evening, (October 15th), in the city.

Col. Taylor is one of the most eloquent men in the country, and he pleads for a people whose injuries have been unheralded in the pages of history. A collection will be taken up for their benefit, and we ask for him a large audience, without distinction of party.

Headquarters for Returns.

The Young Men's Republican Club Rooms at the United States Hotel, Penn Street, will be the Headquarters of the Union men of the City to receive the election returns. All good Union citizens are invited to be present on Tuesday night.

SOLDIERS! REMEMBER!

That S. E. Ancona, in Congress, never voted a dollar to pay you for your services to your country! That he never voted a dollar to buy shoes for you! that he never voted a dollar to buy a coat, pants or shirt for you to wear; that he never voted a dollar to buy powder, lead or guns for you to use against the enemies of you and your country in battle; that he never voted a dollar to buy crackers, or meat, or beans, or anything for you to eat, or drink, or tea, or anything for you to drink; that he not only always voted against your supplies, but also to rob you of the sacred right to vote! Can *any single* man, with the slightest pretension to intelligence, or sense in the field, vote *for* such a man, and *against* Wm. Hiester for Congress? NEVER!

☞ If we had a paper as large as a barn-door we could not contain every word that would attract from letters written by soldiers, giving evidence of the great unanimity of sound Union sentiment, and feeling for the re-election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States. But, we are unable to find room for these interesting productions which are very much regret. We intended, however, to make room for the production, of Dr. K. of the 21st Cav., but were disappointed, on account of other matter occupying much of our space.

We can assure our friends in the army that the non appearance of their productions is on account of the limited amount of our space. Having over 200 letters before us, we find it impossible to insert lengthy communications.

☞ Our friend Charley Miller, of the "Union Restaurant," certainly know how to keep a hotel. His saloon is constantly thronged by customers from the simple fact that he studies to please.—The best liquors, oysters, clams, game &c., always on hand. If you wish to enjoy a good meal, call on Charley, and our word for it you will be well satisfied.

☞ The soldiers and the friends of soldiers will never forget the bitter efforts made by the "Democracy" to rob the soldiers of the right of suffrage—that dearest right of an American citizen.

The Cause!

"Never, since the commencement of the Rebellion has both the military and political horizon been darker than at the present time. Our brave boys in the field, with such leaders as Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and others are reaping rich harvests for the cause of Liberty and the Union. Atlanta, the stronghold of the Confederacy," is occupied by Sherman and his tried veterans; Sheridan and his "fighting Sixth" is clearing the rebel Early down the Shenandoah Valley, and knocking at the very gates of Richmond; Grant and the noble Army of the Potomac has taken up the cry of "I am in Richmond," and every the telegraph brings us word of new and important successes. In short Lee finds himself so completely surrounded that he has to think of a change of base; advisable, and Danville is mysteriously mentioned as the new Rebel Capitol. Thus everywhere our cause is prospering with success, and it cannot but make the heart of every Union man leap with joy when he sees these evidences of the strength of our government.

The different State elections throughout the North have been equally successful, and when the returns of Tuesday October 11th shall have been counted, CERTAINLY will Pen Sylvania, Indiana, Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, re-echoing the cry of Victory, and declaring for the Union by 60,000 majority.

A Very Interesting Letter.

The following letter, which we are permitted to publish, speaks for itself:

CAMP OF THE 6TH PA. CAV.
NEAR HALTOWN, FAIRFAX, 20TH, 1864.

J. D. Davis Esq., Chairman of the Copperhead and Guerilla County Committee.

SIR—To day's paper came to hand pointing to be and doubtless in, Boyd, appealing to the soldiers to vote for the heros of the gunboats and the spade, General Geo. B. McClellan, and also for the gentlemanly candidate for Congress, *Major Mason*, (or, rather, Mr. Major Mason's friend and right hand man, for Congress. But, sir, please tell our Berks county Democrats that we, the soldiers, you and your party *against* allowing the soldiers to vote. By supporting your ticket we support copperhead candidates, we support men who do all in their power to deny us the right of suffrage. Shame on you! Shame to send such papers and such miserable appeals to Union soldiers! Union fighting men, who fight for the old stars and stripes—say the maintenance of the best government on earth? We respond your documents with disgust and indignation. It is hard for poor party to appeal to the soldiers for votes. When our vote comes to be received you will be convinced of the folly of your efforts. We are fighting against traitors and traitors and you are their sympathizers. We will have a hand in the ballot-box fight in October, and we will overwhelm your copperhead traitors,

I Think I'm Dying, Comrade.

BY MARY H. C. BOOTH.

I think I'm dying, comrade,
The day is drawing dark;
And that is not the lot so hard,
Nay yet the sweetest lot,
To die for those we love,
It cannot be hard.

I'm only small down on hot—hard
Life suffering, not love.—E.

I do not think I'm wounded!
I cannot feel a pain;
And yet I've fallen, comrade,
Never to rise again.
The fact that I remember
We charged upon the foe;
I think a sense of Victory,
And that is all I know.

I think we must have conquered
For all last night, I dreamed
That I was up in Paradise,
Among the Shell, it seemed;
Thick, the bright Throne of God,
I saw it immortal more,
The good old "Stars and Stripes," my boy,
Or Victory said the Grace.

A hundred thousand soldiers
Stood at the right of God,
And Old John Brown, he stood before,
Like Moses, with his rod.

A Saint was there beside him,
And Jesus Christ was there,
And over God, and Christ, and all,
The Banner waved in air.

And now, I am dying, comrade,
And there is old John Brown
A standing at the Golden Gate,
And holding me a crown!
I do not mind the hole in this,
Nor yet the burn and ache,
I only know the voice of God
In calling me from life.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

— Why do bears always lay in the time? Because it might they become insane.

— An irish lad, having once been asked if the man who had just flogged him was his own father, replied, "Yes, but the impudent rascal, he had the cross and it was his son by another father and another lad took to him!"

— A young nobleman, in a lively elaborate sermon which he preached, said several times, "The christmas do not serve with me here." Next morning a poor woman come to see him with some things in her apron. She said her husband gave the sermon and thought it was a very good one, and she said the common tatters dat he agree with him be high of him some of the very best kidneys.

— In the town of W——, Lincoln County, State of New York, there is a wealthy, but ignorant and eccentric farmer, named Wilson. On one occasion, he was figured out to show at the house of one of the "Upper Ten." When the dinner was served, dish after dish came was placed before the responsible "Hog from Dutchy." It was a new dish to him. He looked it, then looked to the waiter, and said, with humility, "That is very good pudding, but did you know it was there?"

— A lady and gentleman in Liverpool were married in their shoulders lately, by a mine under the bed. The lady expressed alarm, but her sweetheart swore every spare mind. Oh it is only one of the bogs, and putting his hand down by the side of the bed he called, "Lion, Lion," and this hand being lifted, after a moment the pair were satisfied, and they soon thundered again peacefully. In the morning they found that all their money and jewel had disappeared, and it was clear that the lion had been a trick resorted to by an honest burglar under the bed.

— Hear what Thaddeus Stevens says — "Hear Mr. Clinton and Gen. Republic have caused to exist. On this ground will spring up numerous petty empires, whose future condition will be one of perpetual warfare and of grinding slavery. He elect the sole administration to next election over the nation, and he is tended soon to an honorable peace and to permanent liberty!"

— Should McClellan be elected President, such fighting Union Generals as Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Hancock, &c., would have to give way to such worn-out Old Fogies as John Pierce, Dan Carlos Buell, and others of that stripe.

— Edward Everett heads the Lincoln and Johnson electoral ticket in Massachusetts, Daniel S. Dickinson in New York, David Tod in Ohio, and Thomas Cunningham in Pennsylvania. All these gentlemen, four years ago, opposed the election of Mr. Lincoln. This simple fact shows what a great accession to the Union forces has taken place.

— We have of an invalid, who was an invalid before he went into the army, who was an invalid all the time he was in the army, and never knew more to demanded his company and who is an invalid now that he is out of the army, who is a great blower for "Little Mac." They are a nice little couple. Go it Major.

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