

THE SENTINEL

ROCKVILLE, MD.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1861.

Primary Meetings.

We would call the particular attention of our readers to the notice, in our advertising columns, of Primary Meetings, to be held in the several Districts of this county, for the purpose of nominating District Officers, and also to appoint delegates to the County Convention, to nominate candidates for the Legislature and county officers.

Confab Band Teamsters.

Eiswein, in to-day's issue, will be found a dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia "Inquirer," headed "Confab Band Teamsters," to which we call the attention of our readers: "It says: 'The negro drivers, three weeks ago, were all slaves; they are now in the service of the United States Government, and receive double pay.' This is a highly accomplished, talented, and pious minister, who professed himself to his appropriate duty of preaching the gospel of 'peace on earth, good will to men,' whilst his abolition rebels in the North were preaching abolitionism and filling the minds of the Northern people with enmity to us, and laying the foundation for this ruthless war, and making many engaged in it believe they are doing God's service when they kill our people and destroy our property. It was not Mr. Dix, but the negro drivers and preachers of just such doctrines as are contained in the letter, who have already severed the Union, and if persisted in, will destroy the hopes of all friends of the government 'as other men.' Besides, these negroes, who are thus hired as 'other men,' are other men's property recognized, as such by the Constitution and the laws, and if the government deals justly when the war is over, this property must be restored, and the owners paid for the use the government has had of it. If this is done, the government must pay twice for the same labor, the negro is paid now, and the owner when the war is over. And who is to pay this bill twice? We, the people, by taxation. We protest against thus being taxed for the benefit of negroes."

Capture of Ports Hatteras & Clark.

Politically speaking, essay the forts at Baltimore South) the capture of the forts at Hatteras Inlet is of very little moment. Not earthly advantage accrues to the Federal Government from their possession, beyond the increased facilities afforded for preventing the egress and ingress of seafarers, and breaking up the contract and trade at that particular point on the North Carolina coast.

Immediately stopping one leakamg at the land, had the fleet failed to capture the fort, the channel would have been obstructed by sinking some of the old vessels carried down for that purpose, and the result would have been the same.

The actual loss to the Confederates is simply the labor of three months, and the temporary deprivation of the services of six or seven hundred men. We say temporary—because it cannot be doubted that the presence of these Confederate prisoners in New York will greatly increase the number among the families and relatives of the Federal soldiers now confined at Richmond, as an exchange of prisoners. Besides, the Federal Government has now the means of making an exchange which would have been exceedingly difficult matter to negotiate, when all the prisoners were on one side. In other respects, the moral effect of the naval victory limited by the political consequences.

To the Confederates the loss is great, a needed and will prove a salutary one. It will teach the necessity of greater exertion of more careful preparation, of a more vigorous following up of present advantages if they are to win the war to an early close. To the North, the encouragement which the capture of two squadrons at an exposed point on the North Carolina coast, can hold out to persevere in the hope of a speedy conquest of the South, must be small indeed.

The fact, however, which the Northern journals are disposed to make over this "splendid achievement," as they are pleased to term it, altogether out of proportion to the importance of the results attained, or the extent of the injury inflicted upon the enemy.

Unlike the bulk of Maryland, or the more recent territory of McCullough, at Oak Hill, it determines nothing. By the former of these engagements, a great army, the result of the unlivid care of the Government, the labor of months, the lay-out, expenditure and enthusiasm of the nation, was annihilated at one blow; by the latter, a great State was wrested from the control of the Federal Government, and an army created throughout all the borders of the Northwest, which seems to be daily increasing instead of diminishing.

The capture of the fort at Hatteras Inlet adds to—indeed, the capture of the

September Convention.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The Convention was convened yesterday at the 10th hour, namely, the Sessional State Convention of Maryland, called by the members of the Legislature of that State, to meet at Baltimore; the Armed Neutrality or Peace Convention of the State of Kentucky, at Frankfort; and the New York German Legion, at Albany. The Administration has decided that the intersection of the Republic requires that the first two shall not be held, and they will accordingly be suppressed. The Administration regards all Peace Conventions as in the highest degree treasonable, and all advocates of peace as traitors.

Can this be true? Is it possible that the Federal Government will venture upon so gross an outrage of the people's rights? Is it possible that "the Government" regards all Peace Conventions as in the highest degree treasonable, and all advocates of peace as traitors? Have we actually reached that point when the Administration is to be considered the country, and its wiles the law of the land? If this be the fact, our boasted liberties are at an end. We are but slaves, and the sooner we realize our condition, the sooner we shall become familiarized with our servitude.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.—The Chesapeake and Ohio canal is now all clear from Washington to Cumberland, and the coal trade is quite brisk. The canal has been closed since May. It is thought no further obstructions will arise to impede autumn navigation.

It is rumored that President Davis has or is about to issue a proclamation authorizing the admission of Missouri into the Southern Confederacy, recognizing Jackson as the Chief Magistrate of that State, and his recent acts and proclamations as valid.

Startling Letter.

The following startling letter is from the New York "Tribune," a leading administration paper, and we ask for a careful perusal: "It speaks for itself, and sheds a flood of light upon the purposes of the Northern people."

We deny that Rockville is the 'representative of the secession half' of this county, and we deny that this county is, in whole or in part, in favor of what the writer calls 'secession.' The opinion of the people of this county, of every political hue, fully expressed in the proceedings of a very large county meeting, held at this place, on the 1st day of January last; in which not one word of hostility to the Federal Government, or in favor of the secession of the State, is to be found; nor do we believe, that the people of this county now consider themselves prepared ready for the Southern Confederacy, though, upon inspection, the Black Republicans, in the North, and the slaves in the South.

We draw back the Net, Negro. He is corrupted, this region. He was a slightly accomplished, talented, and pious minister, who professed himself to his appropriate duty of preaching the gospel of 'peace on earth, good will to men,' whilst his abolition rebels in the North were preaching abolitionism and filling the minds of the Northern people with enmity to us, and laying the foundation for this ruthless war, and making many engaged in it believe they are doing God's service when they kill our people and destroy our property. It was not Mr. Dix, but the negro drivers and preachers of just such doctrines as are contained in the letter, who have already severed the Union, and if persisted in, will destroy the hopes of all friends of the government 'as other men.'

A number of negroes from this county are also employed by the government. It is true we will be told the government does not know them to be runaways, and will return them to their masters when demanded. Our laws presume all negroes to be slaves; and if the Federal government would respect these laws, it would employ no negroes he produced competent evidence to establish his freedom. By this simple 'supremacy of the Constitution and the laws,' our citizens would be protected from the loss of their property, now rendered doubly insecure by the increased facilities for escape, and employment by the government 'as other men.'

Besides, these negroes, who are thus hired as 'other men,' are other men's property recognized, as such by the Constitution and the laws, and if the government deals justly when the war is over, this property must be restored, and the owners paid for the use the government has had of it.

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