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UNION NATIONAL TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
ANDREW JOHNSON,
OF TENNESSEE.

UNION ELECTORAL TICKET.

DEMOCRATIC
1 THOMAS C. CLINTON,
2. ROBERT COOPER,
3. JAMES W. HALE,
4. WILLIAM H. HENRY,
5. JAMES W. HENRY,
6. CHARLES M. IRVING,
7. JAMES L. KELLOGG,
8. RICHARD L. KELLOGG,
9. JOHN A. LEWIS,
10. JAMES M. LEE,
11. EDWARD RADFORD,
12. JAMES T. JEFFRIES,
13. CHARLES F. REED.

THE ARMY VOTE.

We are not sanguine that the Army vote will give the Union party a very great gain this year over the vote for Govt. Curtin of 1863. It is generally anticipated that from twenty to thirty thousand will be added to the Union vote by the amended Constitution conferring suffrage upon our brave soldiers in the field; but the result will not vindicate such calculations. It must be borne in mind that very many soldiers are not voters. Perhaps one-fourth are miners, and another fraction is made up of aliens—these two classes taking quite one-third, and it may be much more in some cases, from the men in service, who can exercise the right of suffrage. Again—very many of those who are citizens of the United States and of proper age, will lose their votes because of the exigencies of the service, and neglect to have assessments made and taxes paid in proper season. The armies of Gen. Grant and Sheridan have been on the move for two weeks past; engaged in skirmishes or battles daily during that time, and it would be wonderful indeed if hundreds would not fail to have themselves assessed, or if assessed by their friends at home, their receipts result in very many cases fail to reach them, owing to their daily movements and changes of position.

Gen. Sherman's army commenced its victorious march nearly three weeks ago, and but few if any have had time since then to procure assessments, tax receipts, tickets, &c., to enable them to vote; and hundreds of tax receipts mailed to them most necessarily fail to reach them, as the lines between Martinsburg and that army are very precarious. We doubt not that fully one thousand Union votes in Sheridan's army will be lost because of their rapid movements and the constant service demanded of that gallant command in its pursuit of the vandals East; and the same reasons must lose the Union cause thousands of Union votes in the Army of Gen. Grant. We presume that most of our soldiers have been possessed by their Union friends at home, and their receipts forwarded; but fully one-third must have failed to reach the soldiers in time to enable them to cast votes yesterday. In General Sherman's army, where there are not less than three hundred voters from this legislative district, it is possible that the entire vote may be lost, and certainly not much of it can be secured. Tickets and receipts were forwarded in due time to reach that army ten days before the election, had not the lines of communication been interrupted; but the rebel Gen. Forrest has taken the stamp there will most likely prevent the blanks, tickets, receipts, &c., from reaching Atlanta in time. A few Franklin and Perry soldiers on the line from Chattanooga to Dalton may vote; but we look for but small returns from the Army of the Cumberland. The same causes will defeat hundreds of votes. But few reach the country from any of the arsenals in time to be cast yesterday, and many more are lost. Doubtless in mind, too, that Gen. Lee and Hood are by no means indifferent as to the result of this election. Their organs have not concealed the fact that the defeat of the Union party at home depends upon the defeat of the Union armies in the field; and Lee and Hood have boldly announced as the men who were to give triumph to the Peace men in the North, they probably took the stamp yesterday wherever it was at all practicable and engaged our troops so as to prevent their from voting. They know as well as do Peace men in the North how Union soldiers will vote; and next to their bullet, the broadest soldiers' ballots just now.

Another fact that has been generally forgotten in estimating the soldier's vote, is the large army vote polled last year by furloughed soldiers. All the sick and wounded soldiers belonging to the State were very justly transferred to the State in the State, and thus enabled to vote, and many others were furloughed from the ranks. In all there were probably as many as ten thousand soldiers voted in the State last year, and nearly all of them voted for Gov. Curtin. Now, if there shall be thirty thousand votes cast in the field, the advantage to the Union party will not be much greater than the ten thousand cast at home gave in last year. Of the recruits sent to the field within the last two months a large fraction of them were members of the Democratic party, and they will not have learned how easily that party strengthens their base in session to make their vote yesterday for the cause for which they perished their lives. Of the soldiers' vote cast yesterday, therefore, we count on one-third of an aggregate, and in an army poll of thirty thousand, we would gain but little over the army vote last year. In Franklin county there were about one hundred and fifty soldiers voted in 1863. This year, with a full and fair vote in the field, we should have six hundred cast, and not less than four hundred Union majority; but with our armies on the march, with important lines inter-

rupted, and the want of proper information among the soldiers as to the details necessary to be observed, to receive their votes, we do not calculate that more than two hundred majority can be safely counted on for this county from the army. Possibly masters may have gone better than we anticipate; but we do not see good reason to expect it. By November the soldiers will understand the complicated machinery by which their votes can be given; and President Lincoln will have double the majority east yesterday for the local ticket in Pennsylvania. We have abiding faith in the success of the Union cause on the home vote; but of all men the heroic soldiers, who have given us victory over treason, deserve to vindicate their own cause at the ballot-box, and mingle their loyal ballots with their loyal friends at home to drive treachery in confusion and shame from the power it would constitute to the peril of our sacred Nation.

THE UNION IN THE STATE.—
There is no truth whatever in the statement of the *Spirit* of last week, that President Lincoln offered Gen. McClellan the highest command in the army, "the best civil position within his gift," and proposed to "support McClellan for the Presidency in 1868," if McClellan would drop now. It is wholly false and has not even the merit of plausibility, and it is hardly reasonable to suppose that the *Spirit* did not know better when it published the statement with a displayed heading. Gen. McClellan sits Mr. Lincoln's coat well, and will add thousands more to our enemies in the field. To our comprehension, it was clear that Early's expedition into Virginia was a part of the plan to Knobell. It was part of that kind of policy which has continually plagued our forces and destroyed its fruits before they are realized. It is hard to conceive of any man who would be faithful to it when he sat all of his vaunted and boasted of his worth.

The following pointed letter from Hon. Wm. M. Wood, Attorney General, to the great Union meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday tells the whole story in very few words:

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