

The Volunteer

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The News.
Fort Ridgley and Ripley have been reinforced, and there is no present danger to be apprehended from the Indians in those vicinities.

The News from the Virginia army for a long time of a doubtful character begins to look better. Generals Pope and Burnside at one time completely flanked by a force of 10,000 men, have cut their way through and are now safe.

The last accounts represent Stonewall Jackson as surrounded by a wall of fire instead of stones, and his escape almost impossible. Gen. Banks has him in the rear, Sigel and McDowell are harassing his flank and McClellan opposes him in front with an overwhelming force.

In our article of last week under the head of "Parties" we did not intend to cast reflections upon any locality in the county. We acknowledge that all parts of the county have done well, and as a general whole the county has done nobly.

All we attempted to do in that article, was to show that patriotism did not require, but on the contrary forbade the continued strife between parties, now that the country is in danger, and the national existence threatened, especially when, in all the broad land there is not a single contented question upon which either party can take a stand in opposition to the other.

We alluded to what appeared to us to be a significant circumstance, viz: that those portions of the county that last fall abandoned party tickets had been much more ready to respond to the call of the country for help than those sections where the God party was worshipped.

It seems to us that if our friend had pursued his investigation a little further, he would not have published it as a refutation of our statement. We now make no new table, we only rearrange that already furnished.

Table with columns: Towns, Enrolled Militia, Volunteers. Lists towns like Belvidere, Cherry Grove, Featherstone, Kenyon, Leon, Gonzales, Roscoe, Vasa, Warrington, Warsaw, Wacoata, Zumbrota, and their respective militia and volunteer counts.

The towns that gave a majority for Mr. McClure are:
Belle Creek, Burnside, Cannon Falls, Central Point, Goodhue Centre, Holden, Hay Creek, Pine Island, Red Wing.

partisan wrong. But these figures are on an entirely wrong basis, which, if changed to the correct basis, would give us even a greater difference. "Justice" has taken the vote between Mr. Hubbard and Mr. McClure as the test; whereas our proposition was the party vote. Mr. McClure's personal popularity got him many votes where there was not a people's vote cast.

Goodhue county has done well. Out of 1,800 men able to do military duty, 685 have voluntarily gone into the army. All we claim is that patriotic prompts men to lay aside every consideration save the salvation of the country, and where that has been done to the greatest extent, there is the strongest evidence of patriotism.

The fall elections are close upon us, and it is time to be thinking of the best course to pursue. We utterly repudiate a party campaign, there is no call for it, and it can only engender hard feelings without accomplishing any good.

In order to do so someone must take a lead in the matter. Let town meetings be held immediately, and resolutions to that effect passed. This matter belongs to the people to control, and with them it must originate.

The Governor has called an extra session of the Legislature, to meet on the 9th inst. The state of the country and State is such that all the wisdom of the representatives of the people will be required to bring us out of the dismal swamp of deep despondency into which we have been brought.

Time for Drafting Extended.
Owing to Indian troubles, which at the present time requires all the energies of the State to suppress, the time for drafting has been extended to the third of October next.

Fort Ridgley Relieved--Indians Gone Towards Red Wood.
Lieut. Col. Wm. R. Marshall arrived yesterday afternoon with the gratifying intelligence that Col. Sibley's advance had reached Fort Ridgley on Wednesday morning, about daylight, and that the Indians had retreated towards Red Wood.

Material for the Draft.
The following statistics from the last census returns, shows the number of white males in the United States between the ages of eighteen and fifty, who may be subject to a draft.

Table showing material for the draft by state:
Maine 157,175; New Hampshire 122,062; Vermont 81,804; Massachusetts 335,298; Rhode Island 45,239; New York 1,032,824; New Jersey 162,280; Pennsylvania 715,436; Maryland 434,023; District of Columbia 14,819; Northwestern Virginia 88,470; Ohio 613,182; Indiana 241,904; Illinois 434,023; Wisconsin 269,571; Michigan 191,653; Iowa 132,621; Minnesota 42,625; Delaware 111,713.

The above gives the Northern and Border States an excess over the South, allowing for enlistments in Kentucky and Missouri, which may properly be incorporated among the 900,000 drawn from the loyal States, of nearly three millions.

Telegraphic News.

New York, August 29.
The Washington Star, of last night, says there was an engagement, on Wednesday evening, between Scammon's brigade and a heavy force of rebels, for the possession of the railroad bridge at Bull Run.

The rebels held possession at nightfall, but it was believed that Scammon would dislodge them on Thursday morning. Hooker's division had an engagement on Wednesday morning, with a large rebel force, near Bristow's Station, which lasted all day.

The Baltimore American has a letter from Alexandria, dated 3 o'clock yesterday. It says that our troops are being pushed forward by the rebels.

General McClellan had visited Washington and accepted the command of the army of Virginia. Fugitives from Manassas and Fairfax report that a conflagration was visible in the direction of the latter place, and it was supposed Government stores had been destroyed.

General Pope is beyond Manassas, cut off from Washington. General Burnside and General Porter's corps had landed at Aquia Creek. It is also said that General Ewell had penetrated to the rear of General Pope and occupies the left bank of the Occoquan river.

The Alexandria correspondent of the Tribune states that on Tuesday night the pickets at Manassas Junction were driven in and two companies of the 19th Pennsylvania infantry, one company of Pennsylvania cavalry, and some artillery stationed there, were surprised and attacked by Gen. Ewell's corps.

The New York correspondent of the Times states that the gunboat Sumner got ashore near Bayou Sara, and was destroyed by guerrillas. Bayou Sara was afterwards leveled by our gunboats.

At 12 o'clock Colonel Scammon was obliged to retreat, moving on the railroad in the direction of Alexandria. The rebels advanced across Bull Run, and yesterday afternoon their advance cavalry were at Fairfax and Burtis Station.

At ten o'clock P. M., Jackson's advance occupied Fairfax Court House with a force of cavalry, and had collected their force near Bull Run Bridge, where a desperate struggle was maintained. The bridge is still said to be in our possession.

At this goes to mail, I learn that telegraphic communication is again opened with General Pope. Manassas, therefore, must be clear of the rebels and Gen. Stuart if not taken, is probably wounding his way through the Blue Ridge, to join the main body of his army.

Republican Platform.

Resolved, That we hereby submit to the candid consideration of all the electors of the Second Congressional District of Minnesota the following resolutions and opinions.

First--That the present war with all its carnage, bloodshed and suffering, which has followed since the commencement is properly and directly chargeable to a wicked and ambitious band of Slaveholding Secessionists and conspirators of the South; that having been defeated in a Presidential election in which they freely participated, they formed the desperate resolution that rather than submit peacefully to the will of the nation as deliberately and constitutionally expressed through the ballot-box, to smother the bonds holding the Union together and rend in fragments the most liberal and splendid fabric of free government in existence; they willfully flung the force of civil strife by the disaffected and rebel bands of the South, and unless we take measures to defend our government and institutions to the last extremity, we shall be justly liable to incur the scorn and contempt of all nations and of our own posterity.

Second--That we are proud to proclaim that the war upon our part is prosecuted from motives and for objects as sacred and noble as ever animated the hearts of those who have been driven to engage in fierce conflict with Rebels and Traitors for the purpose of preserving the very existence of that Nationality and perpetuating the union of that Constitution which was bequeathed to us by Washington and his illustrious Comrades; that for the purpose of aiding and giving strength to these great objects we promptly declare our willingness to sustain and uphold the present National Administration in the grandest and most enlarged preparation for all parties, our earnest prosecution of the war, and our approval of calling into requisition all the means known to civilized warfare to crush any and every wicked rebellion, and to add to this aid in the speedy restoration of our cherished Union to its original power, its former renown and glory.

Third--That we endorse the National Administration, that we have the strongest confidence in the wisdom, integrity and patriotism of Abraham Lincoln, and we cordially approve all his efforts to preserve the Union and destroy the workings and plottings of treason, and that we can not pledge him the constant adherence of our support, and hearty approval of all his efforts to preserve the Union and destroy the workings and plottings of treason, and that we can not pledge him the constant adherence of our support, and hearty approval of all his efforts to preserve the Union and destroy the workings and plottings of treason.

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