

this chamber. The ball, which was spherical, slipped easily down the barrel, until it rested upon the shoulder of the chamber. One single blow of a heavy rammer, with convex head would flatten the ball a little, and augment its diameter sufficiently to force it to fill the grooves of the rifle. This arm having been carefully tried at Vincennes in 1834, gave very satisfactory results. It was adopted for the use of the "Foot Chasseurs," a corps which had just been raised from the African service, but when brought to the test of actual service, it failed to fill the expectations which had been formed. The cartridges were too complicated. They contained a circular wad of greased serge, and in warm weather, during the marches, a part of the powder was spoilt by the melted grease, and the charge, which was only 60 grains, became insufficient. Besides this, if the soldier rammed the ball too hard, it would flatten too much, and if he did not ram it hard enough, it would not fill the grooves of the rifle; and this would fail to acquire the motion of rotation. Again, as formerly, soldiers were seen to throw aside their rifles in action, in order to pick up muskets. This rifle was soon abandoned. Its efficient range was 400 yards.

The next step was the rifle of Captain Thouverin, called by the French, "Carabine a tige" or stem rifle. The chamber mentioned, was suppressed. From the centre of the bottom of the bore rises a steel pin or stem, one inch and a half in length, and thirty-five hundredths of an inch in diameter, the calibre of the piece being double or seven-tenths of an inch. The space between the stem and the barrel contains the powder, and is so calculated, that it will still contain it after fifty shots. The ball enters free, and its base rests upon the top of the stem, which is flat. Three blows with the ramrod force the stem to penetrate into the ball, thus expanding it in its wedge-like action and forcing it to fill the grooves closely. The charge is 60 grains. The balls are cylindrical-conical. It is said to say a few words of this kind of projectiles.

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

The Louisville Democrat has been one of the strongest Union papers in the South. It has always unflinchingly adhered to the constitution and demanded vigorous measures for the suppression of the rebellion. In a recent number it quotes from an article in the New York Tribune, in which the following expression occurs: "Speaking for ourselves, we can honestly say that for the old Union, which was kept in existence by the southern masses and northern men, we have no regrets and no wish for its reconstruction." Upon this the Democrat says:

"A more thorough rebel, revolutionist and secessionist than Greeley or Brownson does not exist in any latitude. Greeley wants to force his revolution upon the South; and J. L. Davis is trying to force his on Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, and part of Virginia and Tennessee. They are progressive in despotism. Davis began with State rights, and saw that Congress would subvert the principles on which the Confederate States were founded; but he has stultified himself before his own ambition. Greeley began with the cry of 'let the South go.' Now he is for conquering the South, and making another and very different sort of Union. He doesn't want the old one. He despises it. For many long years it has distressed and annoyed Greeley. He wants a Union in which he can annoy, insult and embarrass other people; and they can annoy, insult and embarrass him. Jeff. Davis & Co. want a Union in which they can have their own way, and not be annoyed, insulted and embarrassed by Greeley and his school, while they can annoy, insult and embarrass Greeley & Co. God grant that we had them both separated from the mass of the people, and compelled to fight it out. We propose that the government appropriate a hundred millions to each side, impose the condition that they should fight to extermination, and a hundred millions more to colonize what might be left of the two schools. "Greeley is a disunionist. We have said so often; and his whole school are of the same stripe. They are against the old Union—the only one the President is authorized to preserve. If we are to have another, it is not ours, and we shall not have it."

SWORD PRESENTATION.—On Monday last, after evening parade, the non-commissioned officers and privates of Company A, 14th Regiment Michigan Infantry, at Ypsilanti, presented their Captain, M. L. Gage, with an elegant sword, belt and sash. It was a gift worthily bestowed. Capt. Gage formerly resided in Detroit, where he enjoyed the respect and confidence of our citizens. He will make an excellent officer, one worthy of the splendid company he has the honor to command. His company was recruited at Saginaw, and is composed of able-bodied athletic men, who, whenever an opportunity presents, will reflect honor upon the flag of their country, and make their mark upon the rebel.

We understand that the Fourteenth, at their first regimental drill, made a very fine appearance, and their movements gave decided promise for their future efficiency. The battalion was under command of Lieut. Col. Davis, our late worthy Collector. — Detroit Tribune, Feb. 19.

WATER PROOF BRICKS.—Common bricks are very porous, and during northeast rain storms the moisture penetrates through the pores of the brick walls unless their surface is coated with paint or some other protective. Various modes have been proposed and tried to render brick impervious to moisture, and the glazing of their surface by a vitreous coat of glass has been tried. Bricks thus made are sure to keep out water, but mortar will not adhere to them, hence they cannot form a strong wall. W. G. Foster, of Lambeth, England, has taken out a patent for making water-proof brick which is alleged to meet the desired requirements. In moulding the bricks, a glazing material is placed in the middle of each, this vitreous is not penetrated through them, while their surface preserves the adhesive properties of common bricks with mortar.

THE COURIER.

EAST SAGINAW.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1862.

Democratic State Convention.

A Democratic State Convention will be held in the City of Detroit, on Wednesday, the 5th of March 1862, for the purpose of nominating candidates for State Offices, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Convention.

The rules of representation will be five delegates to each Representative and Senator in the Legislature, and two delegates from each organized county not attached to a representative district.

By order of the State Central Committee.

Democratic City Convention.

A Convention of Democratic Delegates from the several Wards of the City of East Saginaw will be held at Buena Vista Hall on Friday, the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Mayor, Treasurer, Comptroller, and two Justices of the Peace, to be supported at the ensuing election, March 3, and transacting such other business as may come before the Convention.

BY ORDER OF DEM. CITY COMMITTEE.

East Saginaw, Feb. 24, 1862.

In some several localities in the South we have in Government charge, or else in no charge at all perhaps in all ten thousand slaves without masters. As yet no plan has been devised suited to the permanent care and employment of these people. The public mind has been so much engrossed with the great features of the war, that it has not been directed to these "contrabands," and the few individual minds who have attempted to grapple with this question have not been able to solve it, and have been embarrassed and astonished by its perplexities. And yet we are asked by some, without any results of experience to confer the hazard, with no previous preparation for so great a change, with the most serious political complications surrounding the question, with the whole energies of a nation involved in the mere task of the preservation, to assume the responsibility of emancipating three-fourths of the slaves at the South. Can not the men who make this demand solve the Fortress Monroe, Port Royal and Kansas contraband problem? If they can, we can tolerate their demand with much more complacency when they do so.

The above sound suggestion is from the Detroit Tribune, conservative republican. The radicals prefer figuring upon the extent of a calamity, whatever its nature, after its occurrence, to a consideration in advance of the means by which it may be avoided. Hatred of the South is their watchword, and they would at any moment risk the destruction of the nation for the sake of making the condition of the slave population ten times worse than it is.

Democratic County Convention.

At a meeting of Delegates from the several towns and wards of Saginaw County, held according to previous notice at the Court House in Saginaw City on the 22d of February, 1862, for the purpose of electing Delegates to attend the Democratic State Convention to be held at Detroit March 5, 1862, A. A. PARSONS was chosen Chairman and M. B. HESS Secretary.

The following persons were elected as Delegates, with power to appoint substitutes in case of inability to attend in person:

Geo. F. Lewis	V. A. Paine
John Moore	C. D. Little
P. C. Andre	J. Whitmore
W. L. Little	J. G. Sutherland
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The Committee on resolutions presented the following, by B. M. Thompson, Esq., which were unanimously adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That the present deplorable condition of our country, the fruit of secession in the South and abolition in the North, urgently calls upon every democrat to again rally under the time-honored banner of that political organization which has, both in war and in peace, in prosperity and in adversity, counseled obedience to the laws of the government, and ever proved true and loyal to the Constitution and the Union.

Resolved, That the President in removing Secretary Cameron and making Mr. Stanton his Secretary of War, deserves and receives our unqualified commendation; that we regard it as a triumph of principle over party prejudice, of honesty over fraud and speculation, and we accept it as proof that the war will be conducted for the good of the whole country, and not in the particular interest of any fanatical clique, and for the restoration of the old Union in its original integrity, and with it the Constitution of our Fathers unimpaired, which in times past has given security, peace and prosperity to every section of the United States, and contains within itself ample security against all grievances that may arise under its administration.

Resolved, That the republican party of this State in refusing, through their Representatives in our State Legislature, to repeal the personal liberty laws, after the Judges of the Supreme Court, themselves Republicans, had declared them unconstitutional, and in passing resolutions in favor of unconditional emancipation, thus assailing the declared policy of the President, has shown itself unworthy the confidence and support of the loyal and patriotic citizens of Michigan.

Resolved, That restoring their organization upon the patriotism of its well-tried principles, and to day renewing their unwavering fidelity to the constitutional

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