

Letter from "Mysticus."

ARCATA, June 24, 1863.

MR. EDITOR:—If you or your readers expect much news from the town I represent, you will be sadly disappointed,

for we are not the kind of community to breed remarkable events or noticeable novelties. Our daily life is varied by little that is strange, for since the Indians have so vigorously enforced the blockade our packing interest and general connection with the mines in our rear has greatly suffered and almost ceased, until we are left now almost entirely dependent upon our farming interest; and fields of grain or potatoes, with staid, honest owners, are not the sources from which spring things now and strange.

The recent Indian depredations continue to be the theme of street-talk; such raids are extremely discomfoting to us and proportionately, encouraging to our dusky foe. We all feel that could Ousley have kept the field a little longer this late trouble could have been averted. No sooner had he by scouting learned the whereabouts of the diggers, and almost completed his arrangements for an attack, than with his command he was ordered to Fort Gaston.

~~The only striking feature in this arrangement is that your friend Olney has taken his departure, leaving the command of that hot-bed of mischief to a man of judgment and energy whose heart is in the cause he supports.~~

Col. Olney passed through here on Sunday last and Capt. Morton with Co. K on Tuesday, en route for Ft. Humboldt. During his stay at Ft. Gaston, Capt. Morton has earned the reputation of being a true gentleman and an efficient and sensible officer. Success to his future.

We held a preliminary meeting last night to consider Indian matters, and make some provision for insuring the safety of the town, and are to meet again to-night. We intend to organize, and keep scouts out all the time, that we may guard against surprise, as well as act on the offensive, should a good opportunity be afforded.

There seems to be a considerable and daily increasing interest taken in politics, herabouts. Arcata, in the concrete is unconditionally and uncompromisingly Union, for the great majority of our citizens having laid aside their past affinities with parties and party politics, unite in giving a hearty support to the Administration; they reason that the present state of our nation renders adherence to political parties as simply absurd, for un-

(and may have yet) an ordinance prohibiting "smoking in the streets." I little thought however that Kureka would so soon emulate its fanaticism, but I understand that your authorities have lately fined two of your saw-mills \$75 each, for this same offense.

Truly your's.

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state of our nation renders adherence to political parties as simply absurd, for until our country is saved to us, is it not folly to quarrel over issues that do not exist? They recognize but one dividing line, it is either pro or con, for our country or against it; and realizing the great and momentous issues that hinge on this question of our nation's salvation—issues that affect not only the United States and the 19th Century but the World and all time to come—they overlook those matters of the administration upon which they individually differ, and give their whole strength and influence in favor of the common cause, the preservation of the Union.

There are besides this body of Union men whose principles are too broad to entitle them to be called a party, a class of disaffected individuals who appropriate to themselves that time-honored but now disgraced name of Democracy, and profess to be Union men, but draw so nice a distinction between supporting the administration and supporting the government that their professions are clouded with doubt.

They who thus affiliate to oppose the honest efforts of the administration of the government, whose protection and privilege they enjoy, to suppress the rebellion and save the country, are a motley crew of secessionists, peace-men, hard-shell-dyed-in-the-wool democrats; moral cowards, F. F. V.'s and ignoramuses; they talk much and loud of the unconstitutionality of Lincoln's acts but singularly forget to upbraid Davis and his traitorous followers; they organize to overthrow Lincoln, but contend they wish to save the government, while Davis and Lee organize their armies to overthrow Lincoln, government and all, in this they differ and seemingly in this alone.

I believe however there are men in this amalgamation who at heart are in favor of the Union, but they are so blinded by prejudice that they imagine the democratic party is alone able to save the country, and allow their hatred to their former opponents now in power to go so far that rather than assist them, they affiliate with, and allow themselves to be ruled by men who publicly boast of being in favor of the rebellion, or of peace; tho' it be dishonorable. They do not seem to realize that they are arraying themselves against their own country, but having grown gray and bald in adhering to Democracy, are willing to meet traitors half way and form a great Seceshocracy whose purpose it is to remove the "Abolitionists" from power.

How is Mozart hall over the way from your office? Do the venerable Sachams still praise loudly of the Constitution and of "springing from the loins of democrats?" Peace be unto them, (when Vollandigham is elected.)

Our friends Alex & Van are snugly ensconced with a choice assortment of goods which they are selling at very reasonable prices, much lower than we have ever before enjoyed. Their taste in selecting and moderation in charging can but win success. They seem to be getting along swimmingly.

The puritanical city of Boston once had

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