

Great Union County Meeting.

ROCK COUNTY ORGANIZED FOR THE WAR.

Two meetings were held yesterday in this city to take such action in relation to the rebellion in the south as should be deemed proper and necessary.

The meeting at the Hyatt House Hall was called to order by J. B. Cassoday, Esq., who read the address to the citizens of Rock county, issued by the committee appointed for that purpose by a meeting in this city.

On motion of Mr. Cassoday, B. E. Hale, of Beloit, was appointed chairman of the meeting, who, upon taking the chair addressed the people in a short and spirit stirring address. He stated that 180 persons had volunteered for the war in Beloit, and that two full companies had been enrolled, and were ready to start. The people of that city were donning blankets for the soldiers, and the ladies were preparing lint and bandages for the possible contingencies of war.

W. H. Ebbets, H. Bowen and E. P. Brooks were chosen Secretaries, and Andrew Palmer, Isaac Miles, Dr. John Mitchell, Z. P. Burdick, J. R. Wheeler, and D. Y. Kilgore, were chosen Vice Presidents.

On motion, the chair appointed the following committee to prepare business for this meeting: Messrs. Sutherland, J. B. Cassoday, J. R. Bennett, J. A. Blount and J. B. Doe.

Prof. D. Y. Kilgore, of Evansville Seminary, being called for addressed the meeting. He stated that at Evansville, thirty-eight patriotic citizens had volunteered to defend the country, eight of whom were from the seminary over which he presides.

W. H. Ebbets, Esq., of this city, delivered a glowing, eloquent, and patriotic speech, which was warmly cheered by the people.

Judge Armstrong, of this city, being loudly called for by the audience, spoke with thrilling effect upon the duty of sacrificing all feelings of party and uniting as one man for the defence of the country.

The committee appointed to prepare business for the meeting reported as follows:

Resolved, That for the purpose of more effectually performing our duty as American citizens and sustaining the national government in the contest forced upon it by traitors, we hereby form a county organization which shall be called "The Rock County Union and Relief Society," that the object of such society shall be to enroll, organize into companies and drill such men in this county as are willing to enter into active service as volunteers, and to raise funds for the support and relief of such volunteers and their families, and to defray such other expenses as may be proper for this society to incur in carrying out the objects of this organization.

Resolved, That the officers of this society shall consist of a county committee com-

such other expenses as may be proper for this society to incur in carrying out the objects of this organization.

Resolved, That the officers of this society shall consist of a county committee composed of one from each assembly district, a county treasurer and secretary, and a sub-committee to consist of such number of persons in each town and city as the people of such town or city may appoint or have already appointed.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the county committee to exercise a general supervision and control over the affairs of said society, and they shall apportion and direct the payment of all money and audit and allow all accounts to be paid by said society, and the accounts of said treasurer and all orders on said county treasurer shall be signed by the chairman of said county committee and secretary.

Resolved, That said county treasurer shall before entering upon the duties of his office execute to said county committee a bond with two sufficient sureties to be approved by the county committee in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars for the safe keeping and disbursements of all moneys which shall come to his hands as such treasurer, and shall only pay out moneys on the order of the said county committee, signed by the chairman and secretary thereof, and to keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed and report the same to the county committee when required.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of said society to keep in a suitable book, records of the transactions of said county committee and said society, and to conduct all the correspondence thereof, and perform such other duties as said committee shall require.

Resolved That it shall be the duty of such sub committees to take active and energetic means to enroll all men in their respective towns and cities, who are willing to volunteer and hold themselves in readiness to enter into active service whenever called for, and to circulate subscription papers, and raise all the money and means possible for the furtherance of the objects of this society, and report weekly, or as often as required by the committee, to the county secretary, the number of men enrolled and the amount of money subscribed, and the person chosen as chairman of said local committee shall act as local treasurer and receive from the county treasurer all moneys apportioned to their towns and cities respectively, and pay out the same as directed by the county committees and report their doings to the county secretary.

Resolved, That the county committee shall call out for drill or active service, such persons or companies so enrolled, from time to time, and at such places as they may deem proper, and defray all such expenses as may be proper and necessary for such purposes, from the funds of this society.

Resolved, That we call most earnestly on all true and loyal citizens, to carry forward this work with energy and liberality, and to sustain, as it is our duty to do at every sacrifice, our National government, for the performance of which we pledge our fortunes and our lives.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following committee was then appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the Relief Association: Messrs. I. C. Sloan, A. W. Pope, Joseph Spaulding, J. D. Colly, Thomas Westby, and George Bemis.

Upon enquiry being made in relation to facilities for drilling troops in Janesville, Capt. Ely, of the volunteers, stated that the court room in this city could be had for that purpose, and Col. White, as competent a man as could be found in the county, is ready to instruct volunteers.

Mr. McAdams, of Milton, made an effective speech for the Union.

I. C. Sloan, Esq., from the committee appointed to nominate officers for the

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"County Relief Society," made the following report:

Committee—J. G. Kendall, W. H. Tripp, J. E. Culver, A. Palmer, George Sherman, and A. W. Pope.

Treasurer—J. D. Rexford.

Secretary—Willard Merrill.

On motion of H. N. Comstock, esq., the report was accepted and adopted.

J. P. Wheeler, esq., upon being called upon, offered a few feeling and patriotic remarks. He said he trembled when he thought of the excitement of the hour. He declared that if he was no more than sixty years old he would volunteer. "I remember," said the aged veteran, "my old regiment. It was not the noisy ones who did the best fighting—but those who were quiet." Mr. Wheeler's remarks were received with enthusiastic applause.

Rev. I. Codding made a good Union speech.

The chairman of the meeting told the experience of a southerner who, when he started from Louisiana, was informed that the republicans and democrats were divided at the north, and that they could easily whip them on that account. When he came to St. Louis he found that a large number of democrats and republicans were for the Union. As he came further north the Union feeling increased, party-lines were obliterated, and when he arrived at Springfield all men were for the Union. At Chicago he found that not only the men were for the Union, but the women also; and in Rock county, men, women and children were all for a war to sustain the government, and laughed at him for supposing that there could be a want of unanimity on this question. The southerner went home a wiser, but a sadder man. Mr. Hale's account of the disappointed secessionist was received with much applause.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

The hall at the Hyatt House proving insufficient for the accommodation of the immense crowd, an impromptu meeting was held on the public square, and the people pressed into their service such speakers as could be seen. Messrs. Graham, Lawrence, Gibbs, Martin, Oalkins, Tilton, May, Williams and others, made stirring, earnest and patriotic speeches. A Mr. Cury from Bradford made a most effective speech, and the square was alive with the right spirit—women standing there during the speaking encouraging the speakers by waving their handkerchiefs.

The demonstration for the Union, at the two meetings, was worthy of "old Rock," and shows that the spirit of '76 animates the people, as effectually as it did in the days of the revolution.

Meeting at Afton.

In pursuance to a call for a meeting to take into consideration what could be done in the way of raising men and money to defend the flag of our country.

On motion of Wm. H. Tripp, Mr. Ira Avery was chosen chairman, N. W. Tripp, secretary.

The meeting was very ably addressed by Mr. Merrill and Dr. Treat of Janesville and S. D. Burlingame of the town of Rock.

A committee of five was appointed, consisting of W. H. Tripp, T. L. Hollister, H. H. Inman, S. D. Burlingame and J. F. Antisdale to draw up resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting. The committee retired for a few minutes and returned with the following resolutions, which were read by the chairman thereof and adopted unanimously:

Resolved. Be the citizens of the town of

Union Meeting at Evansville

The patriotic citizens of this village and vicinity met at the school house last evening, April 19th, and organized by electing J. McMellan, President, and J. Soule, Secretary. Short, pithy and patriotic speeches were then made by Major Kelly, Rev. Mr. Tilton, E. Blake, Rev. Mr. Starr and Mr. Gladding; after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the people of Evansville, will do all we can to sustain the government and constitution of the United States of America, and to this resolution we pledge "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

A committee was then chosen to make arrangements for enlisting a company to be drilled and held in readiness for action; the services of said company to be tendered to the government as soon as possible..

The meeting was large, and very enthusiastic. During the early part of the evening no ladies were present, but long before the meeting adjourned, a company of patriotic young women entered in a double file, -- indicating by their presence their devotion to the Union, and contributing not a little to the enthusiasm of the meeting.

Adjourned to meet again this evening.

J. Soule, Sec'y.

April 20th, 1861

From the *Weekly Gazette and Free Press*, Volume 16, Number 36, May 3, 1861, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Prof. D. Y. Kilgore, of Evansville Seminary, being called for, addressed the meeting. He stated that at Evansville, thirty-eight patriotic citizens had volunteered to defend the country, eight of whom were from the seminary over which he presides.

Weekly Gazette and Free Press, May 3, 1861, p. 8, Janesville, Wisconsin

Meeting in Evansville.

There was a large meeting in Evansville last evening. Col. W. C. Kelley was chairman, and D. H. Starr secretary. Messrs. Comstock and Gibbs addressed the meeting. It was a business meeting, one of the right kind. A large amount of subscriptions was pledged for the support of the families of volunteers. The number of enrollments are already 38, and the probability is that an entire company will be raised.

May 3, 1861, p. 2, Janesville Daily Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Union for the Union.

Union, May 14, 1861.

EDS. GAZETTE.—Old Union is still alive, and alive for the Union. Last Saturday the citizens of our village and its neighborhood assembled in the village for the purpose of erecting a liberty pole, and spreading to the breeze the flag of freedom. A pole 86 feet in height was raised, and a beautiful flag 33 feet in length was soon waving over the free and freedom-loving hearts of Union. After the flag had been appropriately cheered, the assembly was called to order by S. Simkins Esq., chairman of committee, and A. A. Hoskin chosen secretary. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Whitman, after which the choir sung that soul-stirring hymn of patriotism, the "Star Spangled Banner," which was received by the assembly with immense applause. Appropriate and patriotic speeches were then made by Rev. F. Curtiss, Rev. A. Whitman and H. H. Blodgett Esq., when three cheers for "old Rock" were called for, and were given with a hearty good will. Messrs. Elliott and Valentine then followed with short but patriotic speeches, when three cheers for the administration were given. The singing which was very appropriate and affecting, received a round of three hearty cheers. The patriotic ladies of Union who had contributed their time and labor to the making of the flag were then loudly cheered, when the meeting adjourned, with patriotic fire burning in every heart.

S. SIMKINS, Ch'n.

A. A. HOSKINS, Sec'y.

Correspondence of the Janesville Gazette.

Threatened Attack on Cairo.—Secession Showing its Head.—Lagan Down

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Meeting in Porter.

A meeting of the citizens of the town of Porter was held at the school house in school district No. 4, on Saturday, May 11, 1861, to listen to addresses on the present crisis of our national affairs, and to appoint a committee to receive subscriptions to the fund for the equipment of volunteers to the war, and for the support of the families of those who join the army for the purpose of putting down rebellion and sustaining the government.

On motion, Wm. T. Hall was called to the chair, and A. White was chosen secretary.

Mr. Comstock was then introduced to the meeting. With a few very eloquent remarks presented a flag, which was made by the ladies of school district No. 4. As it was elevated to the top of the flag-staff, nine rousing cheers for the Union spoke the sentiment of the town of Porter.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to prepare resolutions, consisting of D. T. Sayre, Thomas Earle, and G. E. Newman.

While the committee was preparing to report the meeting was addressed by Ihabod Coddington of Illinois, H. N. Comstock, esq., and our old friend James M. Burgess of Janesville.

The committee then reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Union of the states, under the guidance of Divine Providence, has been the fruitful source of prosperity and peace to the country for nearly three quarters of a century; and

WHEREAS, The constitution, framed by our revolutionary fathers, contains within itself all needful provisions for the exigencies of the government, and, in the progress of events, for such amendments as are necessary to meet new emergencies; and

WHEREAS, An armed combination has been formed to break up the Union by throwing off the obligations of the constitution, and has, in several of the states carried on its criminal purpose of seizing forts, arsenals, revenue, vessels, and public treasure; and finally, by assaulting Fort Sumter, a fortress of the United States occupied by a slender but heroic garrison, and capturing it by an overwhelming force after a gallant defence, thus setting the authority of the government at defiance, and insulting the national flag; and

WHEREAS, The government of the United States, with an earnest desire to avert the evils of civil war, has silently submitted to these aggressions and insults with a patient forbearance unparalleled in the annals of history, but has at last deemed it due to the public honor and safety to appeal to the people of the Union for the means of maintaining its authority, of enforcing the execution of the laws, and of saving our country from dismemberment, and our political institutions from destruction; therefore,

Resolved, That the Declaration of Inde-

institutions from destruction; therefore,

Resolved, That the Declaration of Independence, the war of the revolution, and the constitution of the United States, have given origin to this government, the most equal and beneficent hitherto known among men; that under its protection the wide expansion of our territory, the vast development of our wealth, our population and our power, have built up a nation able to maintain and defend before the world the principles of liberty and justice upon which it was founded; that by every sentiment of interest, of honor, of affection and of duty, we are engaged to preserve unbroken for our generation, and to transmit to our posterity, the great heritage we have received from heroic ancestors; that to the maintenance of this sacred trust we devote whatever we possess, and whatever we can do, and in support of that government under which we are happy and proud to live.

Resolved, That the founders of the government of the United States have provided, by the institution of the supreme court, a tribunal for the peaceful settlement of all questions arising under the constitution and laws; that it is the duty of the states to appeal to it for relief from measures which they believe unauthorized; and that attempts to throw off the obligations of the constitution, and to obtain redress by an appeal to arms, can be considered in no other light than as levying war against the United States.

Resolved, That when the authority of the federal government shall have been re-established, and peaceful obedience to the constitution and laws prevail, we shall be ready to confer and co-operate with all loyal citizens throughout the Union, in congress or in convention, for the consideration of all supposed grievances, the redress of all wrongs, and the protection of every right, yielding ourselves and expecting all others to yield, to the will of the whole people, as constitutionally and lawfully expressed.

Resolved, That it is the duty of all good citizens, overlooking past differences of opinion, to contribute by all the means in their power, to maintain the Union of the states, to defend the constitution, to preserve the national flag from insult, and uphold the authority of the government against acts of lawless violence, which if longer unresisted, would inevitably end in breaking down all the barriers erected by our fathers for the protection of life, liberty and property, and involve the country in universal anarchy and confusion.

Prof. D. Y. Kilgore of Evansville, then addressed the meeting in a short but forcible speech.

On motion, a committee of one from each school district were appointed to collect the subscriptions to the fund for the support of the families of volunteers, and to manage and apply said fund to the purposes for which it is intended. The committee consists of the following named persons: Wm. T. Hall, J. W. Winston, Samuel Pound, Thomas Earle, G. E. Newman, A. White, Thomas Stevens and Ephraim T. Sayre.

Mrs. J. K. P. Porter and Mr. Charles Stokes sung the Star Spangled Banner, in which they were enthusiastically joined by the whole audience.

On motion, the preliminary steps were taken to organize a Home Guard, to consist of men who are not liable to perform military duty.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of school district No. 4 for their liberality and patriotism in donating the flag.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

WM. T. HALL, Chairman.

ALEX. WHITE, Secretary.

May 15, 1861, p. 3, Janesville

For the Daily Gazette.
Celebration.

The people of North Magnolia and vicinity met on the fourth at the residence of Joseph Reed, esq., for a pic-nic celebration, according to adjournment from a similar one held a year ago. These have been quite interesting heretofore, but the larger number present this year, and the tone of their spirit showed an increasing interest in the day and its associations.

Our proceedings were suddenly checked by a display of fireworks from the barn, sheds, &c., of Mr. Geo. Patchin, to extinguish which all the men and boys were employed, and some of the "maidens came forth to draw water,"—an acceptable service. This so interfered we had only time for the following resolution and toasts:

Resolved, That the sense of this meeting is that war continue till slavery receives its death blow in every nook and corner of these United States.

THE SHIP OF STATE.—May she be thoroughly repaired and never founder on the rocks of secession.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND CABINET.—May they be assisted from on High to judge, decide and act effectively with regard to secession.

ILLEGITIMATE PRESIDENT DAVIS:—May his fragile bark founder in the muddy waters of unnatural strife, and be swallowed up in oblivion.

GEN. BUTLER:—May he be successful in transforming contraband goods into men and women.

weeks.—*Detroit Tribune.*

COLONELCY OF THE 10TH.—The Green Bay Bulletin says: "Captain M. Maloney, of the United States Army, now on visit to his friends in this city and Depere, informs us that he has been requested by Governor Randall to take charge, as Colonel of one of the Wisconsin Regiments, which he will accept as soon as the appointment is approved of by the War Department. We look upon Capt. Maloney as one of the best officers in the service of the United States.

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September 14, 1861, Janesville Daily

Gazette, p. 6, col. 2, Janesville, Wisconsin

EVANSVILLE LIGHT GUARD.—Lieut. E. W. Blake, of the Evansville Light Guard, and twenty men, came in to-day, and are quartered at the Stevens House. It is proposed to fill up the company at Evansville, and join the Rock and Green county regiment. Lieut. Blake was with the first regiment, and has the appearance of a good officer. The volunteers are fine, soldierly looking young men, farmer's sons, who will do honor to "Old Rock" in the war against rebellion.

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SEPTEMBER 1861, 1861.

WAR MEETINGS.

A meeting in aid of the movement to form the new regiment will be held:

At Magnolia Corners, on FRIDAY EVENING, September 20th, at 7 o'clock P. M. Let everybody with their wives come out.

At Albany, Green county, at which an Ox will be roasted, on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. L. P. Harvey and others will speak.

At the Stone School House, in North Johnstown, on FRIDAY, the 20th day of September inst.

Good speakers will be present at the above meetings.

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September 18, 1861, Janesville Daily Gazette, p. 5, col. 1, Janesville, Wisconsin

ARMS FOR THE 13TH REGIMENT.—We understand that the arms for the 13th regiment will be sent to this city instead of Leavenworth, as first intended. The propriety of this change, which was effected by the officers of the regiment, is so apparent that it is strange that any other plan should ever have been thought of. Aside from the additional expense of transportation between Chicago and Leavenworth and Chicago and Janesville, the sending a body of unarmed troops through an enemy's country is too much like unnecessarily inviting a repetition of the Baltimore disaster in the early part of the war. The prompt action of the officers of the regiment in this matter was due to themselves and to the country.

Army Church.

The following are the articles of faith and covenant regulations of the church in the 13th regiment whose organization we recently noticed:

PREAMBLE.

The undersigned members of the 13th regiment, Wisconsin volunteers, desiring to promote good order, morality and religion in the regiment and desiring also to maintain the purity of our christian characters, hereby unite in the formation of an association to be known and governed as follows:

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be known as the Army Church of the 13th regiment Wisconsin volunteers.

ARTICLE II.—CONFESSION OF FAITH.

SEC. 1ST. We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SEC. 2D. We believe that the Holy Scriptures, as commonly received by the Christian churches, were written by the inspiration of God, and that they are a sufficient rule of our religious faith and practice.

SEC. 3D. We believe in the necessity of repentance towards God; regeneration of heart by the power of the Holy Spirit, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and as consistent, useful christian life.

SEC. 4TH. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a judgment to come.

ARTICLE III.—COVENANT REGULATIONS.

SEC. 1ST. In becoming members of this church we do not in any way interfere with the denominational views or relations of any person, and we religiously pledge ourselves to respect each others feelings in these particulars, and to promote the usefulness and Christian fellowship of the entire body.

SEC. 2D. There shall be a council of ten chosen once in three months, of whom one shall be from each company in the regiment, whose duties shall be to assist the chaplain in sustaining religious meetings, take the oversight of the financial interests of this church, receive and report to the church all charges against the character of any of its members, and otherwise aid in promoting the moral and religious welfare of the regiment.

SEC. 3D. All charges against the Christian character of any member shall be directed in writing to the council, and shall be signed by two or more members of the church, and no member shall be excluded except by a fair trial, and a two third vote of all the members present at the meeting called for such trial.

SEC. 4TH. We hereby solemnly pledge ourselves in the fear of God, relying upon his grace to aid us, to devote ourselves to the service of Christ, to watch over one another, to help one another, to maintain consistent Christian characters, to labor earnestly for the social, intellectual and religious welfare of both officers and privates, and in all our intercourse with others, to use our influence in favor of wholesome military discipline in the army.

SEC. 5TH. Any person connected with the 13th regiment Wisconsin volunteers, may become a member of this church by subscribing to this confession of faith and these covenant regulations.

SEC. 6TH. Any member of this church may withdraw from the same by making his request in writing to the council, stating the reasons for such withdrawal.

SEC. 7TH. This confession of faith or covenant may be altered or amended on recommendation of either the chaplain or the council by a two-thirds vote of all the members.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. H. C. TILTON.

Chairman—A. C. Burdick.

Secretary and Treasurer—L. P. Norcross.

COUNCIL.

Company A—A. S. Trowbridge,

" B—Van Epps Haggin,

" C—H. B. Crofts,

" D—C. P. Andross,

" E—W. H. Hulbert,

" F—T. S. Allen,

" G—H. M. Taylor,

" H—A. J. Smith,

" I—T. F. Pilcher,

" K—H. M. Havens.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—Last evening a party of our citizens met at Woolhiscroft's with such portion of the commissioned officers of the 13th regiment as could be spared from camp duty, and discussed the merits of such an oyster supper as Thomas and his helpmate know so well how to prepare. The large dining room was filled, and, to all appearances, everybody was satisfied. Hamilton Richardson presided.— Toasts were offered to the 13th regiment, its officers, the medical, quartermaster, commissary, paymaster and other departments; to the union, Gov. Randall, Gen. Scott, Capt. Wilkes, and other men and things. Responses were made by the chairman, Col. Maloney, Maj. Bigny, Capt. Ruger, Messrs, I. C. Sloan, H. N. Comstock, Isaac Woodle, H. A. Patterson, B. B. Eldredge, Wm. Hodson, R. B. Treat, J. W. Allen, and others. The brass band of the regiment was present, and enlivened the proceedings with its well-executed music. The party broke up at half-past 11 o'clock, with many regrets that the departure of the 13th will so soon dissolve the many pleasant relations established between it and our citizens.