

# Wisconsin Copperhead Anti-War Movement and Marcus Brick Pomeroy

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## Newspaper Clipping - "La Crosse Daily Democrat"

Pomeroy's Column from the La Crosse Daily Democrat, 8/15/1864.

**The La Crosse Daily Democrat.**

REWARD FRIENDS—PUNISH ENEMIES.

**The Widow Maker of the 19th Century and  
Republican Candidate for Presidency.**



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Let the broken families—the deserted tenements—the ruined hopes of millions of orphans—the million of widows he has made in four years look upon his face not as that of an honest man or a statesman equal to the emergency, but as the fanatical tool of fanatics—the greatest widow maker God ever cursed mankind with. What has he done for his country? Ruined it! He has filled the land with fear and mourning. He has caused a million of brave men to be sacrificed for nothing. He has made all former Presidents statesmen glorious. He has scattered smutty jokes and bones of soldiers over the land as a novice sows oats. He has disgusted his own party and won the contempt of every man who is not one of his minions, or a paid tool who can with pointed bayonet or specious lies terrify and insult the people who have placed him in power, and who in November will hurl him from the throne.

Look on the face of the illustrious incompetent—throw up your hats—burn oil as of yore—in the welkin ring with shouts for Abraham Lincoln the widow maker of the 19th century! Why don't you ratify? Why don't the people speak his name in praise, and trill it forth in song as erst they did? Why are not the Lincoln flags floating from the poles as once they did? Come, you minious and paid enthusiasts—form a procession—march to the grave yards—throw to the breeze a flag with skull and crossbones painted thereon in black, and shout in drunken glee for your pet the widow maker. He is the man!

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