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Republican National Ticket for 1880

FOR PRESIDENT, GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT.

Republican State Ticket. For Supreme Judge, HENRY GREEN, of Northampton County.

For Auditor General, JOHN A. LEMON, of Blair County.

National Republican Convention. A National Convention of the Republican party will meet at Chicago, Wednesday, the 2d of June next, for nomination of candidates to be supported for President and Vice President at the next election.

J. D. CAMERON, Chairman. Tros. B. KEOGH, Secretary.

General Grant in Mexico. A special, dated City of Mexico, Feb. 21, says: General Grant and party arrived to night on a special train, accompanied by Minister Foster, the Mexican reception committee and others.

—David Hoag, aged 31, of Minersville, N. Y., who won the twenty-seven hours walking match on Friday, died at Port Henry from the effect of morphine and stimulants given him during the contest.

READING, February 29.—Isaac Schlegel, of Sinking Spring, aged sixty-five, committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor.

KEENE, N. H., Feb. 29.—The Keene Light Guard battalion have perfected arrangements for a ten days' trip south, visiting New York, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Feb. 29.—Wallace Edwards, a dry goods clerk, was arrested to-day on suspicion of being concerned in the death of a young woman named McDonald, who died last night from the effect of drugs taken for the purpose of producing an abortion.

—Washington, March 1.—The jury in the case of Babe Bedford, Sandy Penn and Edward Queenan, charged with the murder of George P. Hirth by striking him on the head with a stone tied in a handkerchief and kicking him, returned a verdict of guilty, this morning.

—Bradford, Pa., Feb. 10.—A murder has just come to light at Clarion, Pa. In August last John Blair disappeared mysteriously. He had sold his farm and put his household goods upon a raft, intending to go to Cincinnati by water.

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Washington Letter. (From our regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C. Feb. 28, 1880.

It is rarely that we are treated with as eloquent eulogy by a Senator as that of Senator Voorhees upon Brammidge recently deceased artist of the Capitol. A Congressional speech usually is as destitute of oratorical grace as a lawyer's argument before a jury upon some dry, knotty legal quibble, and Senator Voorhees' efforts are no exceptions to this rule.

But on this occasion he allowed his fancy full rein, and paid the deceased a tribute sparkling with beauty and sentiment. The Government was indebted to Brammidge some \$500 for extra work rendered on the canopy of the dome, which moneys could only be paid the heirs under a resolution, which the Senator introduced, and which, of course, was adopted without debate.

Mr. Voorhees referred to the artist's services in adorning the Senate committee rooms and panels and corridors with pictures of men, and animals, and birds of America, whose merits, as works of art, would suffice in Europe to make him famous, and to entitle him to a burial-place with the nobility and the great and said: "The birds, especially, are all there, from the humming bird at an open flower to the bald eagle with his fiery eye and angry feathers. I have been told that the aged artist loved these birds as a father loves his children, and that he often lingered in their midst as if a strong tie bound him to them."

We have often thought that the aged artist was mentally so engrossed with his art that he knew little else, hence can appreciate the orator's fine idea of the old man's love for his works. It is possible that he will be remembered through his art, as Mr. Voorhees said, long after we had ceased to exist as a nation, and even after the Capitol itself had crumbled into ruins.

Yet so little attention was paid him in the last obsequies, through the entire absence of demonstration and of attending strangers, that it seems Brammidge's greatness, like that of Milton's will not be really recognized till long after his death.

An interesting debate arose in the Senate upon a motion to repeal the law prohibiting the appointment of ex-confederates to the Army and Navy. Mr. Edmunds forced the debate, as he said, for the purpose of settling the matter, and as usual, heard Mr. Thurman antagonized. These two great men "lock horns" upon nearly every question arising in the Senate.

Both are lawyers of pre-eminent ability, and can split hairs with the nicest possible discriminations between twined and twined, and differing as they do in politics, they necessarily oppose each other on all issues with the slightest political bearing in them. The debate was not concluded, and it is not likely the statute will be repealed in advance of the coming presidential contest, inasmuch as this repeal involves an immense amount of political capital which, like the "bloody shirt" cry of past campaigns, may have an immense weight for the opposition.

No one doubts that under the next administration, no matter who becomes President, the Army and Navy will be opened to the South as to the North. Yet just now neither party will assume the responsibility of breaking down existing distinctions. Mr. Thurman, however, took advanced ground in favor of repeal.

The House is rapidly bringing its revising the rules to a conclusion, and will soon possess a new code. Some of these rules are great improvements upon the old, and others are equally obnoxious. For instance, in our judgment no appropriation bill should contain any provision not strictly pertaining to appropriations; and yet the new rule is even more unrestricted than the old, though which has crept some of the most pernicious legislation of the past 29 years. Had the president power to veto clauses of an appropriation act it would matter little what swindling riders were tacked upon it in the rush of the last hours of Congress.

Cincinnati bore off the palm in the recent struggle among our cities to secure the holding of the coming Democratic presidential convention. We had hoped Washington would be selected, inasmuch as we think it the better place, all things considered. But at the committee could not resist the fascinations of Cincinnati beer and pork, and concluded to give that city the preference, we cheerfully submit to its decision, and will hold our impossible bronze horse on costly pedestals, and glorious hash-houses, for the benefit of those who, in the future, may be blessed with finer and more appreciative tastes than the present members of the National Democratic Committee.

Last week we referred, in pretty strong terms, to Admiral Lee, who obstinately blocked the way to our securing a School of Design by refusing to sell a vacant lot adjacent to the Corcoran Art Gallery. The Admiral's friends are coming to the defence of his highness and argue that inasmuch as he was loyal during the war, while Mr. Corcoran sojourned in Europe during its continuance, the Admiral has now a perfect right to be destitute of all public spirit and patriotism. Perhaps so. Yet when we reflect that did we need that particular lot for a school for a dozen or two of ragged and ragged children, it would be summarily condemned, and the Admiral be paid only about half what Mr. Corcoran offers; and further, that many soldiers and sailors, with fine war records, have since turned into contemptible or criminal citizens, the arguments of the Admiral's friends carry little weight against the fact that he willfully bars us from a donation of half a million of dollars for educational purposes in the high school of Art as a Union soldier, we would ask what has past loyalty to offer in extension of present want of philanthropy?

Let Common Sense Prevail. (From the Wilkes-Barre Times.)

What most concerns the Republican party in looking over the field whereon the Presidential battle is to be fought, is to get a candidate whom it can elect. It is not a question of men, according to their claims on the party, which most interests the masses of that organization, but a matter of consideration as to how they can best insure a party success in order to render sure a continuation of Republican administration. The party does not propose to, nor could it if it attempted, carry any dead weight.

Republican Exchange. No good Republican will dispute the soundness of the doctrine contained in the above extract. Granting that the first and most important concern "is to get a candidate whom we can elect," the next question that suggests itself is one that involves nothing more nor less than common sense. It is "What constitutes a fair and safe criterion by which to judge whether a man is available or not?"

We have contended ever since the call for the late State convention was issued, that the only safe plan—or at least the safest—is to fairly gauge the sentiment of the masses who constitute the Republican party, and then respect what appears to be the predominant preference in every State that can reasonably be expected to contribute toward the success of the Republican candidate for President.

The national convention to be held at Chicago next June will be composed of two distinct elements, viz: The delegates representing States that may reasonably be expected to give their electoral votes to the Republican candidate; and the delegates from those States that cannot hope and do not expect to add a single electoral vote to the achievement of a Republican victory. We assume that there are three classes of States as viewed from a party standpoint, as follows:

1. Those that will give their electoral votes to the Republican candidate, no matter whether he be Blaine, Sherman, Grant, Washburne, or any other the convention could nominate; 2. Those that will choose Republican Electors provided the candidate be such an one as will receive the full and enthusiastic support of the entire party, together with at least a portion of the independent and wavering element; 3. of those States that will choose Democratic Electors no matter who the candidates may be. For the convenience of the reader we have classified the States, not into three but two classes, showing the relative strength in the Electoral Colleges and in the Chicago convention of each State.

We give first those States that the Republicans must depend upon to elect the nominee of the Chicago convention. It will be observed that the Chicago convention will be composed of 756 delegates, and that therefore 379 delegates will be necessary to nominate. The Electoral Colleges comprise 369 votes and 185 are necessary to a choice of President. Here then are the States that must elect the Republican candidate if he be elected at all:

Table with 2 columns: State, Electors, Delegates. Includes California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin.

These States, as will be observed contain enough delegates to control the Chicago convention, and also enough Electors to elect the Republican candidate for President. We do not wish to be understood as intimating that the Republicans in the States given below, should be entirely ignored in the choice of the candidate of the party in the Chicago convention. We assert that they should be possessed of discretion and common sense enough not to attempt by their united vote in the convention to force upon the party, by joining with a Northern faction, a candidate who is not acceptable to the Republicans of the States that must bear the brunt of the battle and supply all the sinews as well as the greater part of the labor of the campaign.

Here is a list of states, (and their strength in the convention,) which cannot be expected to choose a single Republican Presidential Elector:

Table with 2 columns: State, Electors, Delegates. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Territories.

As will be seen, of the 756 delegates in the Chicago convention, 324 will speak and vote for communities that will contribute nothing toward the success of the candidate, no matter who he may be. Schemes are on foot to unite the Southern delegations with a view to making a combination with a small Northern faction and thus control the convention and nominate a candidate against the protests of the Republicans of the States that will

afterwards be expected to elect him. This is not merely a hazardous scheme but may become suicidal to the Republican party.

It is time for somebody to call a halt on some of the managers of the Republican party. There has not been a period in the history of the party when wisdom in leadership, and sound judgment and unselfishness, were so necessary as now. The party cannot afford to take unnecessary risks, nor depend upon the blundering of our opponents for success. The most available man for the Chicago convention to nominate is he whom the masses of the Republican rank and file call for in the States that must be depended upon for the necessary 186 Electoral votes. Common sense points out with unmistakable distinctness, the only safe road for the convention to walk in—the only road that leads to victory.

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