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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1869.

FRAUDS IN REPUBLICAN CONVEN TIONS.

WE recently published the letters and certificates exposing the outrageous fraud by which Samuel C. Perkins, Esq., a gentleman well known and highly esteemed in the community, was deprived of his rights as a delegate in the convention which was assembled to nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Recorder of Deeds. It will be remembered that the packed Committee on Credentials, acting ignorantly and unjustly, if not corruptly, reported that the seat in question rightfully belonged to one George W. Bickley, and that the certificate under which he claimed this position has since been proven by the statement of the men whose names were attached to it to be a downright forgery.

Determined to have all the facts involved fully presented to the party and the public, Mr. Perkins made an effort to assert his rights in the convention, and although he prevented the friends of Houseman from ejecting him, they deprived him of the privilege of representing his constituents, and in response to his demand for justice threatened to throw him out of the window if he did not submit in silence to the infamous programme of fraud which they had concocted. Deprived of redress in the convention, he appealed to the City Executive Committee, furnishing them with a full statement of all the facts, fully attested. The result of their deliberations is announced in the following note:-

"June 16, 1869.—Samuel C. Perkins, Esq.—Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee, held yesterday, your protest against the action of the convention to nominate a Recorder of Deeds was 'respectfully received and filed.' action was rendered necessary, as under the rules for the government of the Republican party (Rule 6), the convention, through its committee on Contest si Seats, is made the judge of the right of a delegate to a seat therein; therefore the committee (notwithstanding the fact that the convention acted in an out rageous manner in this particular matter; could not see that they could give any redress, other than deprecate the action of the convention, and hope that in the future there may be no cause of complaint. Very respectfully, yours, "John L. Hill."

"President Republican City Ex. Com."

The case of Mr. Perkins was by no means an isolated one. There were about twenty contested seats referred to the Committee on Credentials, and without regard to the merits of the respective contestants, that body decided in favor of the claimants who were favorable to Houseman, thus introducing into the convention a sufficient number of men who had no right to be there to control its deliberations, and to ensure the result which has given such widespread and deep-seated dissatisfaction to honest and patriotic mem bers of the Republican party.

Aside from these frauds, it is alleged that many of the delegates present were paid to cast their votes for Houseman, and that they were therefore guided in their deliberations not by regard for the welfare of Republicanism, not by a desire to select a nominee who would strengthen the ticket, not by a wish to bestow a lucrative office upon a candidate whose personal character, services, or sacrifices had given him legitimate claims upon public gratitude, but solely by a sordid desire to earn money by a base betraval of the real interests of the organization they should have endeavored to serve.

Additional strength is given to this accusation by the character of the proceedings of the convention, the fraudulent voting in favor of Houseman, and especially by the unjust report of the Committee on Credentials or contested seats.

It was bad enough that a powerful ring combined to force one of its favorites upon the ticket, but even this combination might have been forgiven if bribery and fraud had not been resorted to to insure the success of its machinations.

It is a principle in law that fraud vitiates all contracts, and we see no good reason why this principle should not be applied to partisan nominations.

If any great political measure was at stake, and Houseman was a candidate for some great representative office where his vote was essential to advance the cause of freedom and justice, there would be a fair reason for supporting him. But the office is purely one of profit. The public will be equally well served by an incumbent of either party, and the partisan interest most deeply involved in this contest is that connected with the purification of the machinery of the Republican organiza-

tion. When conventions are converted into a mere cloak for fraud, and when they are used by cunning and unscrupulous managers to elevate into high and lucrative positions men who are obnoxious to the community, in defiance of the wishes of the party they pretend to represent, they forfeit their claims to respect. Their proper mission is to ascertain and give binding force to the enlightened judgment of a party organization; but this cannot be done by delegates who are influenced by bribes, or by a body which excludes the true representatives of the voters and substitutes for them men who are base enough to claim seats on forged certificates.

The City Executive Committee announces, in reply to the protest of Mr. Perkins, that they can recommend no remedy beyond the hope that similar frauds will not again be perpetrated. If, however, Mr. Houseman is cordially supported and elected, despite the manner in which he obtained a quasi-nomination, the unprincipled intriguers in the party will be encouraged to resort to similar practices in future. They will feel that all rascalities can be covered up and ratified by a majority vote in a convention, no matter how may be secured, and that tens of thousands

of Republicans in Philadelphia can be firm'y held as the bound thralls of the most desperate and dishonest schemers.

If delegate elections were, like general elections, under the supervision of law, the nomination of Houseman could be proved to be illegal. But there is no established court of redress, and the City Executive Committee declare that they have no authority to act upon cases of fraud, no matter how flagrant they may be. The only resource left is to oppose Houseman at the polls, and to teach all who are inclined to acquire nominations by bribery and injustice, that such nominations are utterly worthless.

MARSHAL SERRANO.

THE reorganization of the Spanish Government may now be considered as complete. A constitution liberal and, all things considered, wise in its provisions, has been adopted; and yesterday the Cortes completed the work over which they have been delaying so long, and gave the Government a visible and responsible head by electing Marshal Serrano regent. Under these circumstances, the selection of a monarch to fill the vacant throne will not be a matter of such immediate importance, and for those of republican ideas the selection will have its advantages, as it will show how far and how well the country can manage to get along without the assistance of a gilded figure head, who would expect to receive the reverence and allegiance of the people because of the royal blood in his veins, whether he had any brains in his head or not.

It is impossible to tell what the future will bring forth, but hitherto Marshal Serrano has said and done nothing that would entitle us to doubt his patriotism, or to suppose that he will endeavor to make use of his power for the overthrow of the new-found liberties of the people. There are rumors of intrigues, plots, and counterplots at Madrid and Paris, and the experiences of history would lead us to expect that a European revolution would ultimately be consummated by the establishment of a despotism. It has already been seen, however, that it will not do to judge Spain by France. The expulsion of Isabella II, and the whole course of the Spanish people and their leaders since that time, have been so singular and so little like what was to be expected that they cannot be judged by ordinary historical precedents. The Spanish revolution, like the Rebellion in the United States, presented anomalous and exceptional features, which overturned the theories of diplomatists and set at naught the calculations of those who studied history and forgot to watch with careful eye the progress

The greatest difficulties in the way of a Spanish republic are the want of education among the people, their ignorance of the duties and responsibilities of free citizens, and the thousand and one conservative ideas that have grown into the national life during centuries of despotism both spiritual and temporal. These ideas cannot be eradicated in a moment, nor can a nation be educated in a moment to the point of understanding what is the difference between license and

The Spanish republics on this continent have failed miserably, for the reasons indicated; and republican government in the United States has been a success, because from the first the importance of popular education was understood, and the people, when called upon to take the power in their own bands, knew what to do and how to do it.

If Marshal Serrano acts wisely in the position to which he has been elevated; if he calls around him patriotic, honest, and energetic men, and if he steadfastly refuses to admit of any priestly interference with the functions of the government, it may happen that presently all necessity for choosing a royal successor to the depraved Queen will disappear, and Spain will drift naturally and safely into a republican form of government. If this should be the case, the influence of the Spanish revolution on the future of Europe cannot be estimated. Men will ask themselves why, if the most conservative country in Europe can take such a stride forward, cannot the chains of feudalism be loosened in other quarters, and the last relics of a medieval semi-civilization be swept away? The Spaniards have the best wishes of the friends of liberty everywhere in their present situation, and they have an opportunity not often offered to a nation to prove that liberty is not merely a name, but a living principle.

EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.

THE subject of a higher grade of popular education is beginning to be agitated with some energy in England. At present the educational facilities afforded to the lower classes are of the most primitive description, consisting for the most part of very elementary instruction in reading, writing, and little or no arithmetic. The great educational institutions are monopolized by "gentlemen," and the gulf between Oxford, Cambridge, Eton, and other colleges and schools and those which are open to the laboting classes is as wide as that which separates the noble from

Mr. Foster, the Vice-President of the Committee of Privy Council on Education, in a recent speech indicated that he is aware of the requirements of the times, and he contended that it was unjust to "give the gentlemen of England educational establishments to themselves," and he desired to see "bridges from one class of schools to another, so that the poor child should have the chance, if he had the faculty, of becoming a scholar for the benefit of his country." This is certainly the correct idea, and if Mr. Foster will take advantage of his official position to enforce it upon the attention of the public, he will undoubtedly be able to at least have the matter discussed in a way that will ultimately produce important results. The probability is that the popularization of the universities and higher grades of schools will be resisted even more fiercely by the "gentlemen" of England than the disestablishment of the Irish Church, but the justice of the measure will seeme its filon when the nation at large L 3233 fully impressed with its importance.

"LET US HAVE PEACE!"

THE second day of the great outburst of harmony has passed over Boston, and the city still survives the shock. As far as we have been able to learn, by telegraph and mail, no deaths have as yet resulted, and nobody has had the wits driven straight out of his head by the monstrous din. This is doubtless in consequence of the full-very full-reports of the uproar which are echoed through the columns of the Boston newspapers. The Evening Traveller on Tuesday devoted only twentyfour columns to its criticism, which would not have filled more than five pages of this journal, Of course no true Bostonian would consent to give up the ghost before he had perused the twenty-four-column critique while disposing of his supper, and this perusal would serve to strengthen him to the point of endurance for the next day's uproar. Then that tremendous drum, which, as we are told, covers an area of an acre and a quarter, and can be heard, on a damp day, at a distance of two hundred miles! The man that could wade through the Traveller's twenty-four-column crititism could assuredly survive the noise evolved by pelting seventeen thousand tightly-stretched sheepskins with the masts of a first-class clipper ship.

We have one suggestion to make to the Chief Jubilator. Let him prepare to wind up the demonstration with an outburst which shall startle not only the inhabitants of this mundane sphere, but the people who reside in the moon as well. We believe the thing to be entirely practicable. It was attempted once, according to Rabelais, and failed, it is true; but the managers went about it on that occasion in a very bungling style. It was arranged that every man, woman, and child in the world should, at a certain specified time, give utterance to the ejaculatory "Oh!" Such a concerted strain, it was believed, would arouse the man in the moon and all his subjects. But when the time came, every voice was hushed and every ear agog to catch the noise and comprehend it in its full intensity-every voice save that of a little driedup specimex of humanity, who piped a shrill note, for the simple reason that he was as deaf as a door-knob and could profit nothing by remaining silent. If Gilmore should conclude to make the attempt, we think he could get his chorus in better discipline and succeed beyond even our expectations.

A DIPLOMATIC IDEA. - During the entire period of his residence as American Minister in England, we believe that Mr. Charles Francis Adams made but one speech in public. and that was on an occasion when he was afraid that his refusal to do so might lead to inferences to which he would regret to give even a negative countenance. In referring to the matter subsequently, Mr. Adams advocated the adoption of a regulation for the diplomatic service which should prohibit speaking in public, as writing for the newspapers is already prohibited. The idea is essentially a good one, and if it had been in force during the high days of the garrulous Reverdy, the country would have profited immensely by it. Mr. Motley, however, does not appear inclined to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, as he has studiously avoided post-prandial exhibitions and has only once-on his arrival at Liverpool-made a speech which could possibly find its way into the newspapers.

THE INFALLIBILITY OF STATISTICS. - In the recently published report of the British Registrar-General is given a very remarkable illustration of the apparent infallibility which is attached to some statistical calculations. The experience of many years has led to the belief, by certain abstruse calculations, that seventy-four persons should be killed by horses during the first nineteen weeks of every year, in London. This year, however, it was feared by the statisticians that all their science was at fault; for, when eighteen weeks had elapsed, only sixty-six victims had been numbered. But during the nineteenth week eight more names-nearly twice the usual proportion-had been added to the list, and statistics enjoyed another triumph. Such delicate problematical calculations as these are worthy the study of the famous Arithmetic Man who was employed to figure out the result of the last Presidential election for the edification of the readers of the New York World, If the genius in question should confine his future predictions to the number of unhappy mortals who will meet with a violent death in the metropolis within any given time, his success would doubtless be far more brilliant than it was last fall.

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CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY. This well-known and favorite House having been thoroughly renovated and improved, will be re-opened by the undersigned, as a first-class Family Hotel, on the twenty-fourth of June next.

The OCEAN HOUSE is situated within fifty yards of the beach. It offers superior advantages to Families on account of quiet and the high character of its guests; and it will be kept strictly home-like in every respect. Seventy-five New Bathing Rooms have been added, and many other important improvements, which will contribute greatly to the comfort of visitors.

The Proprietors have had several years' experience in Cape May Hote! business, and have secured help which will equal that of any other House on the Island. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction to all who may favor the OCEAN HOUSE with their patronage.

[5 31 mwf4plm LYCETT & SAWYER. JOHN W. LYCETT. HENRY W. SAWYER, BERKELEY SPRINGS, MORGAN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.—This celebrated Watering Places is only two and a half miles from Sir John's Run Station, Baltimore and Obio Railroad. From June 15th to October 1st visitors will find coaches to convey them to the prings. The improvements are extensive and elegant. Telegraph communications to all points. The Spout, Shower, Plunge, and Swimming Baths are unrivalled. Five hundred persons can be accommodated.

Terms—Three Dollars per day, \$18 per week. Children and sorvants half price. Liberal deduction for the entire searon.

Passengers leave Baltimore by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at 815 A. M., 4 and 945 P. M., arriving at the Springs in five hours. For circulars, etc., address O. A. KIRKLAND, Gilmore House, Baltimore, 6 14 mwf 12t*

JOHN T. TREGO, Proprietor.

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The entire establishment has been renovated and refitted with new and elegant furniture.

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