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TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1869.

THE RATIFICATION MEETING. THE Republican City Executive Committee has issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at Concert Hall to-morrow evening. It is headed by a noble sentiment: - The Union. the Constitution, the Laws!" The next line is equally unobjectionable and patriotic:-"One Flag and one Government!" The third line is also very commendable:-"Beloved at home, respected abroad!" The fourth announces a "Grand Republican Ratification Mass Meeting," and suggests the inquiry, What is to be ratified? If the intention is to endorse and eulogize all the objectionable nominations recently made by the conventions which disregarded the popular will, and by corruption and fraud forced upon the Republican ticket men who should never have been placed there, the City Executive Committee acted wisely in selecting, at this warm season, a close room instead of an open square for this purpose. If any grave emergency required an assemblage of the Republican supporters of "the Union, the Constitution, the laws," or of "one flag, one government!" a building larger than the Peace Jubilee Coliseum would be thronged with eager spirits anxious to respond to this appeal; but if the business of the meeting is to bolster up the desperate and despicable pretensions of tricksters who are neither "beloved at home" nor "respected abroad," a public hall of moderate size will answer very well for this

We are of those who believe that it is quite possible to have "one flag and one government" without submitting to the painful necessity of selecting notoriously corrupt and incompetent legislators, and that "the Union. the Constitution, the laws" may be maintained even if a nomination for a lucrative local office, which was acquired by unfair means, is indignantly spurned at the general election.

There are times when partisan machinery serves a useful purpose, and when the best course for every Republican is to support the whole ticket, "without a why or wherefore," beyond the fact that it is the ticket. But the readiness of the people to act on this theory becomes a source of evil when politicians grow base enough to impose upon their generosity, and thrust upon them "nominations not fit to be made," in the belief that there is no limit to their submissiveness. If such machinations are not resisted, they eventually destroy the preponderance of any organization which has a powerful antagonist ready and anxious to profit by its mistakes.

This general observation is specially true of Philadelphia. The first duty of the Republican party here is to purify itself, or to satisfy the voters that its best men, rather than its worst members, possess a controlling influence in its deliberations. All the assaults made upon it by the Democratic party, united with all the frauds perpetrated by that organization, have not weakened Republicanism in this city, as much as its own weak, inferior. or bad nominations. With thousands of men in its ranks who would add strength to its tickets, it is a rare occurrence for any man of this class to be nominated, while year after year men are put forward whose individual claims inspire only ridicule, hatred, or disgust.

If the politicians who profess to take special charge of the welfare of the party can do no better than this, it is time that their services were dispensed with, and that the people treated their rotten nominations with utter contempt. No good purpose can be served by sending back to Harrisburg the six renominated candidates who disgraced themselves there last winter; and if Houseman is elected, the ring which secured his nomination will be stimulated to new efforts to monopolize the official prizes of the city for a few of the most undeserving men in it.

Instead of holding mass meetings to ratify the objectionable nominations, the best thing the patriotic men of the party can do is to devise measures that will ensure their overwhelming defeat. They have neither the ability nor the disposition to advance Republican principles. They are greedy seekers for the spoils, whose election will only reflect discredit and disgrace upon any organization that sustains them, while their overthrow will pave the way for wiser and purer action in future conventions, and for the good time coming when nominations will be made for the purpose of giving prominence to men who can at once gratify and serve the public. This is the true business of these preliminary gatherings; and when they put their stamp on material known to be pinchbeck or nickel it should not be suffered to circulate as sterling

## THE FRENCH CABLE.

THE Great Eastern was a triumph of engineering skill, but in every other respect she was a failure. The projectors succeeded in putting afloat the largest vessel that had ever been built since the time of Noah's ark, but they also demonstrated in a very conclusive manner that for practical purposes a ship of that size was worthless. Although a failure in the first instance, the Great Eastern has, nevertheless, been utilized in a manner not perhaps contemplated by her builders. It would perhaps be too much to say that the laying of the Atlantic cable would have been an impossibility without her, but there is no doubt that the work was performed better and with fewer risks than would have attended it under any other circumstances. The Great Eastern's sphere of usefulness, therefore, appears to have been these!

Evening Telegraph found when she succeeded in completing the magnetic link which binds the Old World with of the Atlantic cable was the most wonderful achievement of the age; and although it is comparatively an easy task to repeat the performance, and, perhaps, to improve on it, the first projectors of this great enterprise must always be held in grateful remembrance.

Through the first cable the intelligence comes to us that the work of laying a new wire between France and the United States was successfully inaugurated vesterday. At an early hour in the morning the splice was made between the shore end and the deep sea cable, and the Great Eastern then got under way, with her prow pointing to our shores, and paying out the cable, as the despatch tells us, "with ease and rapidity," and with every prospect of success.

The laying of this second cable has not made as much talk as the first, and there are probably many persons who do not even know that the work is really in progress. Our despatches from the other side of the Atlantic come to us so regularly every day that they have become quite commonplace affairs, and no longer excite astonishment or even comment. It was, of course, expected that the first cable would be followed by others, although it was scarcely anticipated that the work would be undertaken so soon. This second cable, however, is important in more ways than one. The old line is under British control at both ends, while this one will have a terminus on our own coast, and, with the other end in France, we will have a decided advantage in case of any disagreement with the British Government. The competition which a second cable will excite will also have the effect of lessening the rate of charges and of increasing the business. Two telegraph lines between this country and Europe ought to pay handsomely, and that this second cable should be projected so soon after the laying of the first one is of itself a proof that greater telegraphic facilities are needed. If no accident happens, the Great Eastern will in a few days make her appearance, and in the meantime we can only wish her a prosperous voyage, and hope that nothing will occur to mar the success of the enterprise.

THRUSTING A JEWEL ASIDE, -- Our crosseyed contemporary, the Age, has contrived to perceive the circumstance that "in all the Southern States the Radicals are relaxing their iron-clad policy," being impressed with this fact by learning that the Republican Executive Committee of Mississippi, in their call for a State Convention, invite the co-operation of "all who desire the adoption of the new Constitution, with every harsh feature omitted.' Yet in the very next article the Age indulges in a tirade against the "Radicals," because an effort is being made by them to obtain money for paying the necessary and legitimate expenses of the approaching political contest in Virginia. The writer makes an onslaught upon Radical debauchery, and gives evidence of being very sick at the stomach over the prospect of seeing negro Senators and Representatives in the halls of legislation at Washington which once echoed the voices of Mason, Hunter, Pryor and Wise. Evidently, the two articles were penned by two different hands, one of the writers being a little more cross-eyed than the other. In this way only can we account for the ruthless manner in which our contemporary thrusts aside the jewel of consistency, as a gaudy and worth-

BAD, BUT NO REMEDY .- The Supreme Court at Nisi Prius has granted an injunction restraining St. Andrew's Lutheran Church from proceeding with the work upon the new church building at the southwest corner of Broad and Arch streets. This action by the Court was based upon a covenant in the original title, to the effect that no building other than a private residence should be erected upon the site. Under such circumstances there could be no other decision, but the existence of this covenant is certainly a matter of regret, as the beauty of Broad street will suffer greatly by it. At Broad and Arch streets there is already one attractive edifice, used as a place of worship by a wealthy Baptist congregation, and the Methodist Episcopal Church directly opposite, which is destined to be one of the most magnificent buildings on Broad street, is being pushed forward with as much rapidity as is possible. The erection of still another imposing church at the intersection of the two streets would have rendered this locality one of the most attractive in the city, and tended greatly towards the adornment of Broad street. But this unfortunate covenant looms up and puts an end to the project.

-For once the colonists of Algeria are full of hope. The more critical period of the year is passed without its attendant plague of locusts. The sirocco has not swept over the fields with its poisonous blasts, and the young harvests promise to make up for the misfortunes of last year's famine. The Kabyles begin to descend from the mountains to help the gathering in, and the lethergic Arabs are at a premium. The colonists, using as their organ the Algerian newspapers, invite the temporary immigration of farm-laborers, so great is their dread lest part of their abundant harvests should be wasted for want of hands Last winter great numbers of Spaniards were driven from Algeria by want, and some of these, after three month employment on public works, returned to Spain with a lit tle money and a good supply of clothes. This is a better account of things than one could have expected after so many successive calamities; and a writer in the Akbar thinks that the example would be largely followed by French laborers were a free passage offered. The help of the soldiers is less to depended on this year, moreover as they are occupied not in fighting the Arabs, but in fighting the locusts, a much more harmless and effective kind of warfare. As soon as the harbingers of the swarm were seen on the borders of the troops were sent down to the slaughter, which is still going on. Doubtless the need of the colonists is a pressing one, but it seems a pity that the native population can-not be made more available. The Arab will work when hungry. The Kabyle will work for money. Surely, there are enough of

-The Berlin Post publishes some curious news from its St. Petersburg correspondent relative to the doings of the Russians in Central Asia. "The authorities at Taschkend. says the correspondent, "have proposed that several 'scientific and commercial' expeditions should be sent into Upper Tartary. This country, which three years ago belonged to China, and has since recovered its independence through a successful rebellion of the natives, lies between the Russian province of Semipalatinsk and British India. be visited by one of those 'scientific' expeditions which in Asia are usually the precursors of Russian columns, it is easy to see what im portance the English will attach to the under taking. Indeed, in that case, the suspicion of aggressive designs on the part of Russia would be stronger than ever, for the natives set their faces against all Russian visitors, inexorably turn back the Russian caravans when they attempt to enter the country, and are said to have cut off the nose of a Russian merchant who crossed the frontier in spite of their prohibition. It is probable, therefore, the proposed expeditions will be attacked, and thus give a pretext for the usual military operations.

-It lately occurred to the management of the Royal Alfred Theatre that the severity of the rule "No children in arms admitted" might be mitigated for matrons of dramatic tastes by providing a special cloak-room, where they could leave their infants, just as other ladies leave their shawls and bonnets, A creche was accordingly instituted in the theatre, with an experienced nurse to welcome the little strangers and attend to their wants, A small charge was made for each of them. the mother receiving a ticket, on presentation of which the child was returned to her. The experiment, however, has been attended with unforeseen results, which have compelled its abandonment. We learn from a notice which has just been posted at the theatre that while mothers have been glad to avail themselves of the new cloak-room, they have forgotten to come back for their babies. The result is an accumulation of infants, which the manager now threatens to send to the workhouse "if not claimed within three days, and all expenses paid." "No more children," it is added, 'can be taken care of, as previously announced."

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