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THE NEWS FROM FRANCE. Pams continues to be amused by stories of what Bazaine has done or is doing near the banks of the Moselle, while the Prussians positively affirm that his forces are hopelessly pent up within the walls of Metz. These rumors are revived so frequently that it is possible the doughty Marshal may have made his escape at the same time that a portion of his forces got away towards Etain. The conflicting accounts can only be reconciled by this supposition, or by the more probable theory that Parisian war news is so absolutely false that victories are systematically manufactured out of defeats, and Marshals credited with movements which are wholly imaginary.

But whether Bazaine is personally free or imprisoned, it is plain that the bulk of his army cannot be released through MacMahon's aid. The attempt to accomplish this object has failed as completely as all other French movements during the present campaign, and the great question now is, whether MacMahon himself will be able to take back to Paris any considerable force.

In the capital new symptoms of division and discontent are being developed. The bigotry of the Empress, it is said, has led her to authorize persecutions of Protestants who are falsely suspected of complicity with the invadors, and thus the dreadful element of religious discord has been invoked in a nation already distracted by innumerable dangers. The persecution of German residents, too, is vigorously continued. While the Prefect has requested all the non-combatants of the city to move away from Paris, tens of thousands of families are flocking into it from the environs. Food is growing scarce and dear. Pawnbrokers are refusing to advance money on goods of any description. The news from Strasburg is proving that while a garrison is holding out half a town may be destroyed by an investing army. And to these troubles are added the removal of the capital and the fears of impending

REVISION OF THE REPUBLICAN RULES.

political revolutions.

Warner various plans for reforming the political system of the State are under consideration, the project of revising the rules of the Republican party of Philadelphia, which has a more immediate local interest, should not be neglected. A convention charged with this duty is to meet in about ten days. If it does its work thoroughly and well it will give now life to the Republican organization, but if it neglects its duties, or if it is run in the interest of rings and cliques, it will do more harm than good. The delegates to the convention are to be chosen by the various Republican ward committees, and there is danger that they will not avoid the temptation to appoint men who are more noted for their attachment to this or that clique than to the party as a whole. But in some instances, at least, we hope that able and disinterested Rapublicans will be appointed; and we trust that the convention will not blindly ignore the necessity of wise and judicious action.

The whole subject of local party management should be carefully considered, and the very best methods for conciliating the public and for ensuring good nominations should be devised.

We presume that it is scarcely possible that the Crawford county system, by which people vote directly for candidates, will be adopted here; and yet it has been resorted to satisfactorily in several counties after the delegate system had become thoroughly obnoxious. It has done more than any modern device to destroy the influence of intriguing politicians and to make the people powerful at the preliminary as well as the general elections. For this very reason managers and manipulators usually oppose it until a great uprising forces its adoption, and after every other expedient has been condemned we may fall back upon it here. Wire-pullers, however, are always ready to invent plausible reasons why the people cannot be trusted to manage their own business, and to prove conclusively that "it will never do" to dispense with the adroit aid of the leaders who always take wonderfully good care of their individual intorests, while they often load down the party with oppressive burdens.

If we cannot have the Crawford county system, the next best thing is to extend the facilities for instructing delegates as much as possible. Let every voter give an expression of his wishes in regard to candidates, and let this record be counted up, publicly announced, and respected, as faithfully as circumstances will permit, by every delegate. Let the people have a clear understanding of what they vote for, as well as who is to act as their delegates.

In some of the counties of the State the old plan of basing the representation of each township or district on its total population has long since been discarded to give way for been connected with the transactions of some | trouble to show goods,

the fairer plan of distributing power in a | of its principal members, it is difficult not to convention on the basis of the actual party vote polled at a previous test election. It is manifestly unjust that fifty Republicans who live in a Democratic division should have fully as much weight in a Republican city convention as three hundred Republicans who live in a strong Republican division. It would take some trouble to adjust this matter equitably, but a similar task been performed in various portions of the interior, and it might be performed here. The end to be attained is the endowment of each individual member of the party with his just share, no more and no less, of influence in party councils. If the new Democratic system of having delegates to the city conventions appointed by ward conventions is adopted, it would be easy to make the number of delegates from each ward correspond with the actual Republican vote, and this rule could be extended from wards to smaller political divisions.

The disorderly scenes attending the organization of conventions should of course be avoided, but in doing this great care should be taken to prevent the appointment of temporary chairmen who would act unfairly, or prove slaves of a ring instead of honest members of a great party.

In this, as well as all other matters connected with partisan management, the avoidance of trickery and rascality is an object of primary importance. Fraud taints all transactions, whether of minor or grave importance, and if no means can be devised to stop cheating, it will be a matter of little consequence whether it is to be done under new rules or the old ones. If the convention devises a plan whereby good nominations can be fairly made, it will deserve the thanks of the community and the gratitude of the Republican party. If it fails in this vital purpose, its labors will possess little or no practical value.

STRAW BAIL. EDWARD F. LANDMAN, who was arrested last week for attempting to rob the paymaster's safe at the Navy Yard, is believed to be a New York burglar of more than common skill, cunning, and daring, and no pains should have been spared to retain him in custody until his antecedents as well as the particular offense for which he was arrested could be thoroughly investigated. Alderman Kerr, with a proper appreciation of the importance of the case, when Landman had a hearing before him on Friday last, construed his offense to be burglary, which under the law is not bailable by an alderman, and therefore had him locked up in order to give the District Attorney an opportunity to take the proper steps for securing him permanently, and bringing him to justice. From the first the detectives seem to have taken an exceedingly friendly interest in the prisoner, and the two officers who escorted him to prison provided a carriage for his accommodation instead of subjecting him to the indignity of the regular prison van. Others of the detective force appeared to be anxiously exercised about him, not lest he should get out of the clutches of the law, but for fear lest he should not be able to do so, and they seem to have exerted themselves most assiduously to have him relieved from the discemforts and inconveniences of the County Prison as soon as possible. Scarcely had he been sent to prison when what purported to be a transcript of Alderman Kerr's docket was presented to Recorder Givin, and a man who represented himself to be John Schenkel, the proprietor of a liquer store at the corner of Warnock street and Columbia avenue, and who swore that he owned real estate assessed at \$6500 value, offered himself as bail, and was accepted by the Recorder, the amount of the bail being fixed at \$2500. No title-deeds were required to be shown, and although Landman was charged with one of the most serious offenses known to the law, and was suspected of being a skilful and daring professional burg'ar, he was allowed to make his escape with a facility that must impress him with the idea that Philadelphia is a tolerably safe place for him to operate in. The next day it was discovered that the individual who offered bail was not John Schenkel, and, as a consequence, the Recorder was badly sold, with an ease that must have been highly gratifying to Landman and his friends. Landman, of course, has taken himself to parts unknown; and if he is on hand when he is wanted, it will be because he has experienced a change of heart which will induce him to believe that a sojourn in our Penitentiary for a term of years is preferable to leading a life of sin outside its walls. Such a contingency as this, however, is so very remote that Landman need scarcely be expected to put in an appearance to answer the charges against him. The very least that can be said about the release of this thief is that it was a most unpardonable piece of carelessness on the part of Recorder Givin, who under all the peculiar circumstances of the case should have aided in retaining Labdman in custody until the District Attorney had an opportunity to take measures for securing him permanently, or at least have demanded that the person offering himself as bail should produce some palpable evidences that he was actually a property owner. The investigation into this affair held before the Mayor on Wednesday, for the purpose of giving the detectives an opportunity to explain matters, demonstrated in a very conclusive manner the utter worthlessness of our detective system. The officers were, by their own showing, the common associates of thieves and gamblers, and it is impossible for them to make the people of this city believe that the eminently friendly terms that exist between the criminal classes and those whose duty it is to aid in bringing offenders against the law to punishment is at all conducive to the ends of justice. The detective force does

not stand as high as it ought in the credit of

the community, and in view of the many

other suspicious circumstances that have

believe that the escape of Landman was planned in the neighborhood of Fifth and Chesnut atreets. Recorder Givin has always borne a high reputation for integrity, and we would hesitate to believe that he connived in any way at this effort to cheat justice, but he at least cannot excuse himself for having been cheated by one of the most transparent tricks that could have been resorted to. The Recorder owes it to himself and to the public to spare no effort to have Landman rearrested, and also to discover and bring to punishment the fictitious Mr. Schenkel. If this individual is brought to trial, convicted of perjury and sentenced to a term of years in the Penitentiary, a check will be placed upon the straw bail business, and first-class practitioners like Landman will think it prudent to display their talents in some other quarter.

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION. THE necessity for a House of Correction has

been a subject for discussion in this city for many years, but notwithstanding the fact that the officers of the Almshouse, of the County Prison, and of the Penitentiary have urged the importance of such an institution, and the newspapers have kept the matter before the public continually, Councils on one pretext or another hesitated to adopt any active measures, and a year ago the prospects of our ever having a House of Correction were almost as remote as they were at the commencement of the last decade. Last however, Councils adopted a site known as the "River Farm," on a neck of land between the Delaware river and Pennypack creek, and a commission was appointed to select a plan for the buildings and to superintend their erection. On the 1st of June the commission decided in favor of the plan prepared by Mr. J. H. Windrim, the architect of the new Masonic Hall now being erected on Broad street, and yesterday the contract for putting up the buildings was awarded to Mr. R. J. Dobbins, who made the lowest bid, \$999,300. It will thus be seen that the long-needed House of Correction is at length likely to be an accomplished fact. According to the design of Mr. Windrim, the institution will consist of a main building, three stories in height, with four wings on each side. There will also be an attachment for a wash-house and kitchen. The main building will be 500 feet in length by 60 in width, and the wings 300 feet in length by 50 in width. The mateused will be brown or grey stone, and it is calculated that it will take about three years to complete the structure. Mr. R. J. Dobbins, who has secured the building contract, has a deservedly high reputation as a builder. He has put up some of the finest edifices in the city, and his work is alike distinguished by good taste and elegance and by strength and solidity of construction. Mr. Dobbins owns his own brickyards and stone quarries, which probably accounts for the fact that he is able to make a comparatively low bid. The Building Commission will require the contractor to give security in \$100,000, and ten per cent, of the whole construction fund will be withheld until the work is completed.

It is a matter for sincere congratulation that we are, after long waiting, at last to have a House of Correction. It will relieve the County Prison, the Almshouse, and the Penitentiary of inmates who do not properly belong to either of those institutions, and it will, if properly administered, be an efficient check upon vagrancy, and will do more to aid in the permanent reformation of such plagues as the Bedford street district than any other influence that can be brought to

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