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MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1871.

THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the Republican party of Pennsylvania will meet at the Logan House, Altoona, on Wednesday, June 21, at 12 M. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be transacted.

RUSSELL ERRETT,

MR. VALLANDIGHAM'S DYING AD-

Chairman. Republican newspapers please copy. VICE TO THE DEMOCRACY. MR. VALLANDIGHAM on Wednesday was interviewed by one of the editors of the Cincinnati Times and Chronicle, and expressed his views on the political situation in very clear and emphatic language, and his sudden death will give to these, his last utterances, a value they perhaps would not otherwise have had. Good advice is always worthy of consideration, no matter who gives it; and although it was certainly strange for Mr. Vallandigham, in the face of his past record, to so utterly repudiate all the most cherished ideas of the party of which he has for so long been an extreme representative, it cannot be disputed that he was substantially right in his demand for a new departure, no matter what might have been the motives by which he was prompted. Those who have been opposed to the Vallandigham theories in the past cannot but wonder, however, why he did not have prescience to advocate a new departure for the Demoseveral years ago, when a cordial acceptance of the results of the war would have saved not only the South but the nation at large many of the delays that the work of reconstruction has encountered. It required no very profound statesmanship to discover that slavery and all the issues that arose out of it died when Lee surrendered his army, and if men at the North like Mr. Vallandigham had cheerfully accepted the conditions of defeat, and devoted their energies not to the obstruction of the Government the difficult task it had in hand, but to aiding in the work of restoring the Southern States to their proper places in the Union, and in convincing the Southern people that their own interests as well as those of the nation demanded that the new order of things should be cerdially concurred in, many of the disabilities under which the South now labors might with comparative ease have been avoided. It was the Democrats of the North who encouraged the people of the South to resist reconstruction, as they had encouraged them during the war to resist the armed forces sent against them. It was the moral support of the North-Democrats that prolonged the war, and made the final defeat of the South much more overwhelming and bitter than it would otherwise have been; and it was their evil counsels, and the false hopes that they held out, that kept alive such organizations as the Ku-klux, and rendered necessary such severe enactments as the Ku-klux bill passed at the last session of Congress. The only effect of the policy pursued by the Democrats has been to prolong the unpleasant situation of the Southern people and to make a Democratic return to power more than ever problematical. But now when the Democrats of the North, or at least the leaders of the party, are convinced that a new departure is imperatively necessary, the Southerners are not able to see the force of their reasoning, and very justly consider that they are disposed to abandon principles for pelf. Apart from all this, however, there can be doubt that great good would result to the nation at large if the advice of Mr. Vallandignam were to be taken. He said in the interview referred to, that "if the Democratic party refuses to move to the front and accept the new order of things it will simply pass away, and some other party, made up of the earnest and progressive elements of the old parties, will take possession of the Government." Such a departure as this would justly be looked upon with suspicion by those who have been the opponents of the Democracy during the last ten years, and it would be attributed more to a desire for office on the part of certain politicians than to any patriotic motives. If such a reform, however, were once fairly inaugurated, there can scarcely be a doubt of its success the near future if not in the immediate present, for it would be impossible to revive the old issues, and the old Bourbons of the Democracy, North and South, would either be obliged to join the reformers, or else sink out of sight. It would be interesting if we could know exactly what grand progressive ideas Mr. Vallandigham proposed that his regenerated Democratic party should go before the nation with. His remarks at the interview recorded in the Cincinnati Times and Chronicle indicate that he

was in favor of inaugurating an annexation

policy which would extend our do-

minion over the whole continent. Perhaps

a new departure might be made in this direc-

tion, but we scarcely think that it would be

possible to get up any very great amount of

enthusiasm with regard to the enlargement

of our dominion just at present. If the

Democracy, however, must have a policy, this

may answer quite as well as anything else,

and it would be a relief to have their orators

and organs dilating upon the advantages of

annexing Canada, Cuba, Mexico, and other

outlying territory, rather than expending

their eloquence in denunciations of the fif-

teenth amendment and the reconstruction

laws of Congress.

THE INCOME TAX.

SEVERAL important cases were argued before Judge Strong, presiding in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia, on Saturday last, which involve the constitutionality of the income tax. The principal ground taken by the opponents of the tax is that it is necessarily a direct tax, and that it must therefore be apportioned among the respective States (if it is imposed at all) according to their representation, instead of being collected from individual citizens in such manner that some sections of the Union pay much more than their proportionate share. This point was well sustained in the arguments made on Saturday, and it is difficult to see how they can be completely answered. The income tax is unjust in principle, unfair and unequal in practice, and liable to so many objections, that it would be very satisfactory, even at this late day, if it was condemned by the highest legal tribunal of the country on the grounds advanced. Congress should have abrogated it, absolutely, at the last session, but, since demagoguism on the one hand and pretended national necessities on the other prevented a repeal, it is to be hoped the courts will put their seal of condemnation on this iniquitous mode of raising revenue.

ANOTHER ROYAL MARRIAGE IN PROSPECT.

THOSE Englishmen who, having neither titles nor wealth, are unable to see the advantages of a system of government which has nothing but its antiquity to recommend it, but who, on the contrary, in the payment of heavy taxes which many of them have no voice whatever in imposing, are brought face to fece with its disadvantages, and who are crushed beneath the weight of a system which cannot be defended except upon the ground of expediency and the difficulties of making a change to anything better, are about to have another excellent chance to indulge in abuse of the respectable old lady who figures as the head of the State, and whose large family absorbs so much of the national cash. The Dake of Edinburgh is about to be married to the Princess Thyra of Denmark, the sister of the Princess of Wales, and as a matter of course the usual marriage portion and annuities will be demanded and granted by those who have the disposal of the people's money. The angry growls excited by the depletion of the public treasury in behalf of the Princess Louise have not yet subsided, when royalty again waves the red flag in the face of the unpleasant republican bull which has of late been frightening the British isle from its propriety; and the Queen and her numerous family will be furnished with a fresh evidence of the small hold they have upon the affections of the people who pay them so handsomely for doing nothing. There can scarcely be a doubt that the clamor in this instance will surpass that which has scarcely yet subsided, for the male members of present royal house are by no means as popular as their sisters, and the Duke of Edinburgh in particular has made himself specially obnoxious by the mean and contemptible disposition he has shown on several occasions where the honor and dignity of the nation were involved; so that it is not likely that more consideration will be shown him than was shown to his sister Louise, when she recently turned her back upon the traditions of royalty by marrying a subject.

THE feeling of disgust and indignation awakened among the Republicans of Philadelphia by the general character of the nominations made last week, rather increases than diminishes as time goes on, and as the extent of the outrage inflicted upon a respectable, patriotic, and intelligent constituency is duly appreciated. The election of such a ticket, as an entirety, would be so disgraceful and so injurious to the interests of the community that it cannot be compensated for by any real or alleged partisan advantage. If it is wrong, in any movement, to avoid doing evil that good may come of it, it is certainly wrong to elect incompetent, untrustworthy, or corrupt men to important local offices under the delusive idea that good principles can thus be advanced. The greatest stigma now attached to the Republican party of Philadelphia is founded on the allegation that in a local sense it is the serviceable agent and the subservient slave of heartless, knavish, and greedy plunderers; and the very life of the party, if it is to live in this locality, depends upon the vindication of its fair fame from this fearful charge.

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