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Democratic State Convention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 8, 1868.

The Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania have fixed WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH (4th) DAY OF MARCH, 1868, at 12 o'clock, P. M., as the time, and the Hall of the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, as the place for holding the annual Convention of the party.

It is ordered that this Convention be composed of one member for each Senator and Representative, who shall be elected in the usual manner and they will meet at the time and place aforesaid, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Auditor General and Surveyor General, and of selecting Delegates to the National Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President.

The members and committees of the organization and all conservative citizens who can unite with us in the support of constitutional principles are requested to proceed to the election of delegates in their respective districts.

By order of the Democratic State Central Committee.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, Chairman. G. O. HERR, Sec'y.

Meeting of the Democratic National Committee.

BOSTON, Dec. 28, 1867.

A meeting of the National Democratic Committee will be held at Washington, D. C., on Saturday, February 22, 1868, at 12 o'clock, P. M., for fixing the time and place of holding the next National Democratic Convention, and for the transaction of such other business as will properly come before the Committee.

FREDERICK O. PRINCE, Secretary National Democratic Committee.

County Convention.

The Delegates elected to represent the several townships of Centre County, in the Democratic County Convention will meet at Bellefonte on Tuesday, February 4, 1868, to elect one representative Delegate to the next State Convention, and also to appoint conferees to meet others from the several counties composing the 21st Senatorial District, to elect two Democratic Delegates to the State Convention.

By order of the County Committee.

JOHN H. ORVIS, Chairman. D. L. KERR, Sec'y.

Mongrel Extravagance.

Ah, me! ah, me! I grieve, I grieve For the good old days of Adam and Eve.

If the fellow who perpetrated this doggerel many years since, had lived in the present days of official extravagance and corruption, shoddy and sham, his longings for a return of primitive simplicity would have been more intense. It is enough to sicken the heart of every one except government thieves and confirmed voluptuaries, to examine the appropriation bills of the so-called Congress, and some of the State Legislatures under Mongrel control, and see the prodigality with which the people's money is squandered, while they are groaning under the most oppressive taxation, rendered more onerous by the general stagnation of business, brought about by pernicious legislation to fortify and enforce the policy of the ruling party. And then the courtly stifle affected in official station, introduced since the war opened the sluices of the treasury to wholesale plunder, the awkward aping of foreign aristocratic etiquette and dress, not only by those who have some pretensions to education and good breeding, but by all classes who were fortunate enough, through their "loyalty" to plunge their dirty fingers deeply into the public money bags. We have all read descriptions of entertainments and balls, given at the White House when madam LINCOLN, (who is now offering to exhibit her cast-off court finery at 25 cents admission) led the ton. What a flashing of jewelry and diamonds was then, what rich dresses, what costly faces enveloped all but the busts of the fair guests, some of them carrying on their persons from twenty to thirty thousand dollars worth of trinkets and stuff. Even madam LINCOLN, dumpty and coarse as she was, was a sight worth seeing on one of those "gay and festive" nights flashing from crown to wrists with precious stones and chains of glittering gold. And there were gathered the belle for gallants of Congress and the "men of the world," benedicts of the same illustrious body, the elite of the army, aristocratic thieves, and respectable rascals, and, added to these was the first crop of the "shoddy" squad who had stolen enough to make them respectable, the whole exulting in gorgingness, and almost equating in morality and effect a first class courtship and fauldage. Such was the precious example set by the "first lady of the land," under Mongrel regim, followed still in official circles and upper-tendons, and gradually sinking downward, infecting and de-

moralizing the less wealthy and more worthy classes; an addition not to be disregarded that, under the malign influence of Mongrel morality and rule, society and government are traveling at a very rapid rate on the road to ruin.

Except in sections of the country remote from cities and large towns, we see but little of the simplicity, the plain Democratic manners of the earlier years of the Republic, when a thousand dollars was considered a fortune, and the manners and customs of the people were in keeping with the character of the government.

It is not many years since the Governors of Pennsylvania were content to reside in a two-story house, plainly furnished; and indeed, until the accession of his present majesty, there was nothing grand about the executive mansion, although PACKER and CURTIN had been advanced to dwell in a three-story brick. His present majesty being a man of larger dimensions and greater weight, besides being the "hero of Snicker's Gap, and some sixty other sanguinary battles," found himself too big for the premises, and a liberal Mongrel legislature, willing to give him room and style, appropriated some thirty thousand dollars of the people's money to enlarge the executive mansion and furnish it in the gorgeous style of Madam Pampadours (a king's mistress) and Louis the XIV. Many of the tax payers from whom this amount of money is wrung, are willing to live in plain houses, with plain furniture—many are compelled to live in houses that scarcely keep out the biting frosts of winter, without carpets, and with few if any comforts. It takes all they earn to keep their families, and pay the taxes which are expended to build magnificent residences and furnish them, not only luxuriously but in a style comparing with European aristocracy, for their public servants. THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for furniture for our Governor. This is a sample of Mongrel economy at home. It is a subject for the people to meditate upon. While the states of Greece retained their simple manners and customs, they were invincible, but degenerating under the influence of Persian gold and luxury introduced by the armies of Xerxes, were subsequently conquered and brought under the Macedonian sceptre by the corrupting power of Philip's purse rather than by the power of his armies. Are greenbacks to make of our Republic what gold did of Greece? Are the masses to toil and be taxed to build fine houses, and pay the expenses of costly entertainments, given by shoddy in a way to shoddy out of power?

A Stern Teacher.

Upon precisely the same issues that the liberties and prosperity of the people of the South depend, depend also the liberties and pecuniary interests of the whole Union. This fact is only beginning to be fully realized by radical business men of the country, when the breath of the fierce tornado of financial ruin is upon them. The results of the legislation of fanatics and fools during the last eight years are better understood and appreciated by those who suffer by them than the principles which led to them. The eyes of all are turning in the right direction, and all are disposed to make the only party which has had power to do either good or evil, responsible for the evils which are already upon us, and for those which threaten us in the near future. As LINCOLN once eloquently said, they "cannot escape history," the record of the Mongrels is enough to damn any party, as soon as the scales are fully removed from the eyes of those who have foolishly sustained them. The terrible condition in which we now are, and the still worse one into which we seem to be going, will do more to recall the people to their senses than all that has been or can be said on the subject. The business men are having a severe lesson from a stern teacher, but it is one not likely to be soon forgotten.

Beast BUTLER has been challenged by a Radical member of the Virginia State Convention, named Colonel WHITE. The challenge demands reparation for the ordering of WHITE out of BUTLER'S department during the war. As the General is the challenged party he will have the choice of weapons and ground, and will most likely choose spoons, and the affair to take place in a "bottle tightly corked."

New Hampshire will hold the first election of this year; and there is now every prospect of a Democratic success.

Our only Remedy.

Every day is flashed over the wires from Washington some fresh outrage of the so-called Congress. Their open, flagrant violation of the Constitution to subvert mere party interests; the disgraceful and oppressive laws, which in some sections of the country they arbitrarily enforce at the point of the bayonet; their efforts to divert the whole machinery of government from its legitimate purpose and concentrate all power in their own hands; their infamous negro legislation, designed to degrade the white race to a social and political level with a horde of black semi-barbarians; their abridgement of the appointing power of the President, because he attempted to thwart their traitorous efforts to subvert the government, and their hundreds of other acts of treason, outrage and oppression which form the black catalogue of their crimes—all these the people have hitherto borne with a degree of patience more remarkable than commendable, offering no other resistance than such as could be made through the press and the ballot.

But now, what now! Another flash over the wires and (you may hear it without astonishment, but you cannot hear it without alarm) we learn that another "Reconstruction" act, has, or is to be passed in defiance and contempt of the Constitution,—depriving the President of his power as commander-in-chief of the army, forming one vast military district of the ten excluded States, and conferring on Useless Slaughter GRANT, supreme civil and military authority over the same. The constitution expressly declares that the President of the United States shall be Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, and yet this act, already passed by one house, takes the authority conferred by this office from the President and rests it in an inferior officer,—making it unlawful for the President to oppose any resistance to the enforcement of its provisions under a penalty of five thousand dollars and imprisonment not exceeding two years.

This is the bold plan adopted by the Mongrels to hurry up their reconstruction of the Southern States, in order to secure the election of their Presidential candidate next fall.

But this move of the mongrel traitors to paralyze the executive arm and force their negro policy down the throats of the people at the point of the bayonet, is not all, nor even the worse they have attempted to do within the past two weeks. There is a case now pending in the Supreme Court, in which the question of the constitutionality of their whole scheme of "reconstruction" will be up for determination, and having ascertained that a majority of the Court will decide all their acts on that subject to be in flagrant violation of the Constitution, they have made a most determined effort to rush through both houses a law requiring two thirds of the Court, instead of a majority, as is required to render a decision on the case.

Having thus fettered the two coordinate branches of government, the batch of traitors calling themselves Congress becomes omnipotent. The character of the government being thus changed, not virtually only, but substantially, if no virtual resistance should be made to their usurpations of power, holding the reigns of government in their own hands, they may drive the country at their own option either hastily or Johnson like to the devil.

Well, then, what are we—the people going to do? Shall we wink at these open acts of treason as we have been doing, and shrugging our shoulders cry, alas! what next? or shall we rather act for once a manly and noble part MEET REVOLUTION BY REVOLUTION, and swear once for all, as JACKSON swore, "By the Eternal" we have endured too long and will endure no longer. IF WE WOULD SAVE OUR GOVERNMENT WE MUST PREPARE TO DO IT WITH BALLS AND BAYONETS, AND THE SOONER WE BEGIN THE BETTER.

"BELY" FOR THE JACKSONIAN.—The last number of the Pontiac (Mich.) Jacksonian, came to us enlarged to an eight column paper and printed from entirely new type. We are glad to notice this evidence of prosperity on the part of our Michigan contemporary. If any paper deserves it, it does.

NOT MUCH.—A copy of the Baltimore Post, a little eight by ten concern, published in Baltimore for the benefit of "loil" thieves, niggers and SALMON P. CHASE, has reached our snout. It is very small any way you take it.

Judge Woodward's Speech.

The speech of Hon. GEORGE W. WOODWARD, which we publish in to-day's paper, is one of the ablest we have ever read, and we would advise all our readers to give it a careful perusal. The great questions, which are just now of such vital interest to the people of this country, are handled with the skill of a master, and it will well repay any one to read carefully anything about which Judge WOODWARD considered it worth his while to think. He is one of the ablest of Pennsylvania's great lawyers, and is unquestionably far ahead of any one else now in the Federal House of Representatives. While some growls were heard during and after the delivery of the speech, not one of the curs he so ably castigates dared make an open attack upon him. The batteries of the impudent and shallow upstarts who represent the Mongrels of New England and the West, were for once fairly silenced, and the littleness of fanatical sectionalism stood confessed before the array of facts and figures, and the masterly logic of a truly great lawyer. Those whose schemes of finance and reconstruction he pulled to pieces were writhing in his presence while he exposed them, yet none of them dared to attempt anything like a reply.—They felt themselves utterly routed, and knew that the people would understand and appreciate the position.

Last week, one of the writers of the dirty little editorials of the Press, of this place, undertook to criticize this great speech, and even compared Mr. WOODWARD with BINGHAM, a man who gained notoriety by persecuting an innocent woman to death before a Court which was itself guilty of a gigantic crime in sitting to try civilians at all. The idea of getting such a speech comprehended by the little minds which coin the "big things" for the Press, is about like attempting to put the waters of Lake Erie into a gourd. These petty, though "loyal" minds, take in what they can hold, and when they observe how much there is which their littleness cannot comprehend, they cry out "there has been a great rebellion."

In order that our readers may see for themselves how a great man, a jurist and statesman, deals with the thieves and traitors who have held possession of the machinery of this Government until it is almost destroyed, we publish to day the great speech above alluded to. We ask all to read it and judge between truth and Mongrelism.

Dirty Work.

We see by the Record that the Mongrel Legislature of this State, spent the better part of four days the second week of the session, upon a dirtier piece of work than ever befouled the hands of night-soil or sewer scavengers. They picked up STANTON—mean, miserable, dirty, contemptible, cowardly, sneaking STANTON—oiled and stinking from the filth in which he has been so long wallowing, and rendered still more offensive and disgusting by the effluvia of a gangrened Senate, which had added the stench of their rottenness to his own. They picked up this dirty and dishonored renegade, steeped to the very eye-brows in "high crimes and misdemeanors" committed against the people, this black hearted tyrant and persecutor of innocent men and women, this foul mouthed tool of Mongrelism. This perjured official, whom a Jeniquet may be cowardly Executive, after long forbearance, at length compelled to eject from office; they took up the case of this human abortion, and to prove their "loyalty" to a corrupt, treasonable, and revolutionary party, dishonored themselves and degraded the State by ratifying his re-installment into a position which he had disgraced by acts of cruelty, perfidy and treachery, which none but the most cold blooded ruffian and godless renegade could be guilty of. And this act of shameless political prostitution was performed by Mongrelism, to the neglect of other business and at an expense to the tax-payers of the State of some twelve thousand dollars.

"Faugh! the office is rank—Heaven stops the nose at it the moon winks, The howdy wind, that kisses all it meets, Is hushed within the silent womb of earth And will not hear it."

Wherever local elections are held throughout the entire North, the most astonishing gains over those of last year are recorded in favor of the Democracy. The people are roused to the dangers which threaten them from the continued triumph of mongrelism, and if we have a fair election; the Northern States alone will vote for the Democratic candidate for President this year.

THREATENED WAR IN EUROPE.

The political horizon of the old world is black with portents of the most awful war which ever shook the globe. All of the great powers are jealously watching each other, and in all countries of Europe there are upwards of seven millions of men under arms. What it may all result in none can tell. It is to be hoped that peaceable solutions of all difficulties may be found, for the imagination of man cannot even picture the horrors which must ensue from a war of the magnitude of that which is threatened. Whether peacefully or otherwise, it is evident to all thinking men who have watched European affairs, that there is much dissatisfaction among the ruling powers, in regard to the territory claimed and held by each of them, and that there will be no permanent settlement until many radical changes are made in the shape of the map of Europe. The political earthquake which shook the thrones of the old world during the career of the great NAPOLEON, may be outdone in the history of our own times; and we shall anxiously watch the news from Europe until the storm breaks or "blows over."

SECTIONAL CUNNING.—The cunning of the sectionalism which infested the Middle States and the West to go to war with their best natural friend—the South—has never been exceeded. New England is so situated that she must live from the productions of a more favored climate, and her children have mostly been brought up to believe that those productions must be had, at any cost of all that is honorable and fair among men. She grew immensely wealthy during the war, and only becomes impatient now that her share of the taxes are demanded from her. But there is a limit beyond which the men of New England prejudices dare not go, with all their cunning. Let the people be once fully aroused to a realization of the fact that their most precious institutions of government are being overturned by these knavish Yankees, and they will soon be taught that "the brains of a fox are of little service when you play with the paw of a lion."

General GRANT stock has greatly depreciated of late, and the Radicals who got him like the man who bought the elephant, would be glad to get rid of him. Mr. WASHBURNE of Illinois, a member of the Federal House of Representatives, has been the keeper of the General ever since his first appeared in public. Recently, when the vote was taken in Congress on the new "reconstruction" bill, Washburn sat in his seat and refused to vote. This is considered by the Radicals as an infallible indication that Grant is opposed to the revolutionary schemes of Congress, and he has fallen greatly in their estimation since that time. There is little doubt that they will get rid of him as soon as they can.

JOHN P. HALE, once a famous leader in the Mongrel revolution, has tendered his resignation—we suppose by request of the President—as Minister at the Court of Madrid. A new appointment will be made shortly. As Mr. HALE is in favor of amalgamation and mongrelism, he, and all who believe with him, ought to be kept always in a country like Spain—highly favored of Heaven and cursed by mongrelism until it is scarce worthy a place on the map of Europe.

RIGHTLY NAMED.—Some one has named Useless Slaughter Grant the "national cigar." At one time that name was quite appropriate. At present it is out of place, as this pet of mongrelism is twenty hours out of twenty four too drunk to smoke. He has thrown away the "weed" and gone in on rot-gut and red-eye. Correspondents from Washington state that there is scarcely a day, that he is not led out of the gutter in a beastly state of intoxication. A splendid candidate for the "God and morality party."

PRETTY BIRDS.—Of the three principal witnesses had to testify in the STUBERT-PATTERSON election case, one of them, a dozen of men from this place will swear they would not believe on his oath under any circumstances, another was kept out of the Western Penitentiary for forgery, by his father swearing that he was crazy, and the other was saved imprisonment for embezzling money belonging to the Pennsylvania R. R. Company, by a Democrat paying up his defalcations, and trusting him for the amount.

There is not a leading paper in Pennsylvania that supports the claims of CURTIN for the Vice Presidency.

NEVER PROMISED.—It is a favorite

saying of the Radicals that the faith of the Government is pledged to the redemption of the bonds of the United States with gold. Now, we have never attempted to keep posted on the question, but we have examined it to some extent, and challenge any one who holds the opinion that the United States ever held out any such idea, to produce a single line to that effect from any one who spoke by authority of the Government. The fact is, nothing of the kind was ever intimated by any one of competent authority, and such an idea is only advocated by those who either hold bonds or contemplate buying some Poor men, who are unable to buy them, will adhere to the party which is in favor of paying them in the same currency which he receives for his hard labor.

NEED NO OTHER.—Of all the machines ever invented by the high priest of hell, for the propagation of uncharitableness, ungodliness, treason, theft, rapine, murder, cruelty, dishonour, demoralization, and all their kindred vices that degrade and damn alike governments, and individuals, the thrice accursed clan calling itself Congress, over which WADSWOOD presides in one house and COLWELL in the other, is the master-piece of his handiwork. Hell needs no other agency on earth.

MAY HAVE A CHANCE.—If JOHN HICKMAN should succeed in getting through the Pennsylvania Legislature, his proposed amendment to the State Constitution, our people will have an opportunity of voting on the question of negro suffrage. For the sake of compelling weak-kneed Mongrels to show their hands, we almost wish he may succeed.

The calls for conventions which we publish at the head of our editorial columns, show that the Democracy calculate upon doing some work this year. Let us be at it early, and work with might and main until the last moment, for we have never labored to achieve success when it was more important to the country than now.

We see a daily exemplification of the truth of the adage, "the devil is good to his own," in the "aid and comfort" he extends to his pets, the Mongrel traitors about Washington. Fine wines, fancy women, and seeming success, is meted out to them by "old cludy," who has a claim upon their souls that heaven itself need not dispute.

A people who have borne as long and patiently the oppression and exactions of usurped authority as the people of this Republic have, must (or should, at least) become in the regular order of transmigration of souls, beasts of burden to "fetch and carry" for their less enduring and more spirited successors.

CHANGED ITS BASE.—The Sentinel on the Border, formerly published at Niles, Michigan, is now issued at Louisville, Kentucky. While its base of operations has been changed, its principles are still the same—pure Democracy. There is no milk and water about the Sentinel on the Border.

NEW DRESS.—Our staunch Democratic friend, Dr. E. L. ACKER of Norristown, Pa., had dressed his paper, the Register, in an entire new suit, and it is now one of the neatest as well as one of the ablest and largest papers in the State. The Register is one of the strongest state-rights papers in the North.

One of the planks of the Democratic platform three-quarters of a century ago pledged us to the securing of "equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion," and we regard that as good Democracy at the present time.

SATRAP MEADE, had barely reached the head-quarters of his Satrapy when he issued an order suspending the Governor and Treasurer of Georgia, substituting a Brevet Brigadier General and a Brevet Captain in their places. The offense was refusal to pay the per diem of the members of the negro State Convention out of the funds otherwise pledged. If MEADE don't wish to explode prematurely, we advise him to keep himself corked a little tighter.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRACY, who is after notoriety, has managed to get himself arrested by the British. We trust they will hold on to him, or gag him if they allow him to return to our shores.

The Free Railroad bill will pass the Pennsylvania Legislature by a majority of three fourths.