

The Democratic Watchman.

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The State Convention—Its Duty.

The State Central Committee, which met at Harrisburg on the 30th ultimo, decided to hold the State Convention for the nomination of Candidates for Governor and Supreme Judge on the 14th of July next.

In this action, we think the committee acted wisely, inasmuch as the people are thus relieved from undue political excitement for some time yet to come. We were never an advocate of long campaigns, and it is a matter not at all without the pale of argument whether such lengthy struggles as we have heretofore gone through are not productive of more harm than good.

We look with great confidence to the action of our next State convention. We do not think any imharmonious element will obtain in that body, but believe the delegates will all go there animated by a noble resolve to sacrifice the interests of the few for the benefit of the many. The impression pretty generally prevails, we think, throughout the Democratic party, that the present is no time to settle old differences or to fix up private matters.

This is the state of feeling that augurs so much for our success next fall. We rejoice to know that it is so, and most earnestly hope that nothing may occur to mar or disturb the hopeful earnest resolve of the masses. By the passage of the negro suffrage amendment, by which the negroes become inheritors of the franchise in Pennsylvania, on the ratification of the XVth article by twenty-eight States of the Union, the Radicals have put into the hands of the Democracy a weapon of immense strength. It remains to be seen whether we are wise enough to use it with effect.

To do this, however, will require tact, skill, courage and earnest, united effort. A single misstep may ruin all. Partisan bickerings in or out of convention might be the death blow to all our hopes. How important, then, that our party machinery should work harmoniously this fall, and that the mighty stroke which is to free the people should be given with the full strength and power of our great organization!

Mr. GYBSON, a resident of New York, was recently arrested by the Spaniards and taken to Havana, as a suspicious character. His daughter telegraphed to President GRANT, on the 3d instant, stating that her father was an American citizen, and asking that means be taken to save his life. The President thereupon sent instructions to Admiral HORT, enjoining on him to see that all American citizens are protected.

This is right. We trust that, with all the administration's blunders at home, it will have the readiness to see that no foreign imposition is practiced upon the people of this country traveling abroad. This is the least it can do in atonement for its miserable management of domestic affairs.

A bill has passed the House of Representatives of this State separating the office of Register and Recorder, and providing that an officer shall be elected to fill each position. This will make either office less laborious, and dispense with the necessity of employing a transcribing clerk, and in the end might be as profitable to the incumbent although both offices were filled by the same man.

The bill has not yet passed the Senate, and it is quite probable that it may be defeated; but if it should become a law before the Legislature adjourns, our county convention will have a nomination to make to which we have heretofore been unaccustomed. Of course there will be plenty of aspirants; consequently, no anxiety need be felt for the want of a candidate.

Connecticut.

It is undeniable that the result of the late election in Connecticut is not consoling to the Democracy. And yet, when we consider the immense efforts that were made to carry the State for the Radical candidate and the vast amount of greenbacks spent by the administration at Washington for that purpose, we can scarcely keep from wondering that our defeat was not much greater than it is. With all their efforts, with millions of dollars to back them, and with the whole influence of the GRANT administration exerted in their favor, the Radicals of Connecticut have only succeeded by a pitiful five hundred majority, scarcely enough to save JEWELL's seat to him in case Gov. ENGLISH were disposed to pursue the Radical policy of contesting every position to which they are not elected.

The vote polled in the State this year, we believe, about ten thousand less than was polled last year. So that the Democracy have really been defeated by the inaction and want of zeal of their own friends. A few more votes would have elected ENGLISH in spite of the tremendous exertions that were made to defeat him, and on the whole, we do not see that the Democracy have anything to cry over JEWELL's election does not really decide any point at issue, and next year the Democrats, profiting by the experience of the past, will have an opportunity to pick their flints and go at them again.

A Coward's Resort.

W. J. PURMAN, known to infamous fame as the prosecutor of the editors of the Clinton Democrat, for accusing him of numerous horrid crimes, which they proved on him, having brought suit for damages to a character so full of blemishes that it was thought impossible to injure it further, has applied to the Legislature of this State, through his lawyers, for a change of venue to his county, being afraid to trust his case a second time to the hands of an honest Clinton county jury. He imagines because Union county is Radical, that honest jurors will forget their oaths to give him the ten thousand dollar damages which he claims. Not much of a compliment to Union county integrity, but still in keeping with the character of PURMAN, who sets down everybody for as great a villain as he is himself.

The editors of the Democrat, however, are not afraid to trust their cause with Judge Woods or a Union county jury. We believe PURMAN's application passed the Senate, but Mr. MEEK's vigilance caught it in the House, where it will, in all probability, be killed, as PURMAN himself was reported to be somewhat since but which, unfortunately for the community in which he lives, was not true.

About the only righteous military removal from civil office that has been made since the inauguration of the present damnable state of political affairs, was the upsetting of that infamous villain, Gov. WELLS, out of the gubernatorial chair of Virginia, by Gen. STOKESMAN. But, for doing this one act of justice, Gen. STOKESMAN was himself removed from the command of that Department, and WELLS has since been reinstated by GRANT. It was a fine commentary on Radical purity to see Gov. WELLS before the Mayor of Richmond for tampering with the mails and opening letters that didn't belong to him.

If it had not been for the negative vote of a stick-in-the-mud from Montgomery county, the House Judiciary committee would have reported in favor of repealing the bill which abolishes Judge GAMBLE's judicial district. This fellow's name is McMILLER, and his pockets are evidently full of PEXE HERBICK's greenbacks. The Patriot of yesterday gives him a well, particular "thunder." We wouldn't be in his boots for all he got.

We think our readers will be glad to learn that the Legislature will adjourn on or about the 15th instant. Thank Heaven, we are only to have another week of the folly of the greatest set of reprobates that ever assembled within the legislative halls of the Keystone State. Next fall the people will have a chance to elect representatives and senators on the nigger suffrage issue, and we are much mistaken if we do not have a different set of men in the Capitol building at Harrisburg next winter.

A cowardly attempt to assassinate JOSIAH TURNER, editor of the Raleigh, (N. C.) Sentinel, was made on the night of the 6th inst. Mr. TURNER was sitting in his room writing, when a bullet came through the window and lodged in the bed. Editors are such dodgy fellows that it is much easier to miss than to hit them.

Late Publications.

THE OLD GUARD for April has come to hand. Its opening paper is a letter from J. H. VAN EYRIE to President GRANT, an able and important review of the situation of the country. As usual, it is filled with interesting reading of that peculiar kind for which the Old Guard is celebrated, with poems, stories, essays, and able and comprehensive editorials, on various subjects. A most excellent number. Address VAN EYRIE, HORTON & Co., publishers, No. 162 Nassau street, N. Y.

THE LAND WE LOVE has been consolidated with the New Eclectic Magazine, Gen. D. H. HILL still remaining a partner and co-editor. The new arrangement will not in any degree detract from the interest or usefulness of the magazine, but will, if possible, add to its already great influence. The number for April is a superb one, and bears evidence of great labor and talent in its composition. Address New Eclectic Magazine, 54 Lexington street, Baltimore. Gen. HILL's address is Charlotte, N. C.

THE MANUFACTURER AND BUILDER, a practical journal of industrial progress is before us, the first we have seen, although the number for March is the third that has been issued. It is published by WESTERN & Co., at 37 Park Row, New York, and we should think would be an invaluable companion for builders and manufacturers. Price per single copy 15 cents.

THE MIRROR OF TYPOGRAPHY is the title of a splendid specimen of the typographic art that has reached our office. It is published by T. H. SESTON & Co., New York, and will contain monthly specimens of the latest improvements and inventions in the "art preservative." The publishers say they wish it to be a visitor in every printing office in the land.

WHITNEY'S MUSICAL GUEST.—The April number of this valuable magazine is at hand, and contains eleven pages of choice New Music, from the most popular writers. The first is a sprightly little ballad by BERNARD COVERT, entitled "Bright Eyed Little Widow," or "There's Danger in her Eye."

Then follows a beautiful song and chorus by FRANK HOWARD, "The Grape-Vine Swing in the Dell."

Oh, I long for the day of sweet rapture and pleasure. When I'll married be to my true hearted Nell. And there's one thing our hearts will ever treasure. 'Tis that daisy old grape-vine swing in the dell.

Also the variations on "Happy Dream of Childhood's Home," finely arranged by THEODORE MOELLING.

Besides the above there are many spicy articles and a splendid continued story, "The Old Organist, or Conrad's Patient." Terms only \$1 00 per year, while the music in this number alone would cost \$1 30. Address, W. W. WHITNEY, Music Publisher, 173 Summit street, Toledo, Ohio. Sample copies 10 cents.

Our good friend, Mr. J. R. DONAHUE, has retired from the editorial chair of the Fulton Democrat. S. N. ROBINSON will hereafter conduct that paper.

GRANT said he would make no appointments till Congress repealed the tenure of office bill. So far from adhering to this, the Senate have him tied tighter now than they ever had JOHNSON. The boasts of the egotistical braggart who accepted the responsibilities of the presidential office "without fear" have come to naught.

Mr. BUSS, the former collector of this district under Radical rule, has been reappointed to the position. The present able and popular Democratic collector, Mr. GUERNSEY, will retire soon, and then for a general decapitation of Democratic officials.

Our latest advices before going to press, 3 o'clock yesterday, were to the effect that Gov. GEARY had not yet interfered in the cases of TWITCHELL and EATON, the convicted murderers. We suppose, therefore, they were both hung yesterday, in accordance with their sentences.

President GRANT sent a message to Congress on the 7th inst., in which he professes to be very anxious for the re-issuance of the "reconstructed" States into the Union, and especially Virginia. The brave "Old Dominion" had better stay out than come in under such terms as Ulysses would give her.

CAIN NORRIS, the black rascal who outraged three young girls in the neighborhood of Chambersburg, this State, has been made a citizen by the Radicals of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

The Civil Tenure Farce.

The second scene in the great four year comedy of Blunders now on the Washington boards says the Baltimore Sunday Telegram, "concluded last week, and the curtain fell on the first of April amid the hilarious shouts of the galleries and the pit. The obfuscatel individual at the White House succeeded in rendering himself ridiculous in his new character of first fool to Ben Butler and the august Senate are yet holding their sides in the immoderate enjoyment of the awkward, stupidity and unsophisticated simplicity of the Presidential clown. The first of April has certainly been marked by an episode that will renew its immortality as "All Fool's Day," for on it a weak Executive first discovered how cruelly he had been hoaxed, how shamefully he had been duped and in what palpable contempt he had been held even by the professed friends who had lifted him up only to jeer at his weakness, ignorance and helplessness while they despoiled his office and stamped eternal reproach upon his name.

It is an humiliating spectacle to every citizen of this land—no matter what may be his party politics—that a man holding the highest position the people can confer should be the sport and the scorn of a vulgar, lawless, irresponsible and unrestrained mob. More humiliating still is the fact that this man was the popular champion upon whose back the very party that now despises his office and mocks and ridicules his intelligence rode to a new lease of power and by belittling and deriding him they manifest their contempt for the people who elected him. They have duped both the President and the people, the one by passing a baneful "hero and counterfeit statesman upon them and the other by professing friendship and confidence while they strip and gag him. To-day no man is more powerless, no culprit more ashamed, no party tool more despised than is the new President of the United States. That he has brought it upon himself no one can deny. His own weakness and folly has been his downfall and his past egotism and boastfulness has added to his present humilty.

Not one brief month has elapsed since he promised to exercise the duties of his office "untrammelled" and yet to-day he is far more securely bound than his predecessor was, and is not half as much respected.

Andrew Johnson was persecuted because he refused to be the cat's paw of a villainous usurpation, but U. S. Grant is deuded and imposed upon because he is—we came near saying "a dunce"—for certainly as such he is treated. Though a faithful party minion he has not been treated with the simplest courtesy that his office, if not his person, demands. He has been snubbed on every occasion. His every wish thwarted; every prerogative of his office denied him; and his self-respect, if he has any, has been twitted and trifled with until he has become simply an object of ridicule. He has served the purposes to which he was proscribed—the securing a new lease of power by the dominant party—and now his favor or his spleen are equally disregarded. Never before in the history of the country has the high office of President been reduced to such an empty name or such an ignominious posture; and that too by the stupidity or timidity of the incumbent himself.

Thus ends the Civil Tenure Farce. The new law is far more odious and vexatious than the old. The Senate has coquetted, not so much with General Grant as with his few friends and parasites and has led him from opportunity to a posture of humiliation and there publicly and contemptuously jilted him. We know not whether the new President deserves most pity or contempt, for surely he is in a sorry plight. Better for him it would have been had he remained content with his military commission and not suffered his pitiful vanity to seek a position that would only expose his ignorance and weakness and blot out what of credit his past may have secured. Like the long-eared animal in the Fable, however, he aspired to be a lion and when he found the beasts and vermin of the political fields stamping before his terrible disguise he foolishly exposed his identity by his elated braying and has won the ridicule and contempt of his superiors by his ludicrous and senseless antics.

Mr. Henry Gable in visiting his fish nets on Friday morning, discovered that he had among his captures a large otter, measuring three feet three inches in length. It had rashly ventured into the snare and not being able to escape, had drowned before it was discovered. This is the first of its species that has been seen in this vicinity for a long time. Evening Gazette.

State News.

An extensive fire occurred in Danville, on the 24th ult., by which a number of buildings were destroyed.

One thousand English sparrows have arrived in Philadelphia, and will be let loose in the public squares of the city.

A negroess, named Mrs. E. J. Ketchum, of Philadelphia, has been appointed a clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington.

The Democratic State Central Committee met at Harrisburg on Tuesday last, and fixed the time of holding the State Convention on July 14th.

Gen. McClellan has declined the Presidency of Union College, N. Y., on account of being engaged in other business enterprises of high importance.

Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kentucky, and Texas, in the order named, are the chief American horse-breeding States.

Although the water has not been as high as last Spring by several feet, the lowlands in the vicinity of Danville have been under water for several days. So says the Intelligencer.

A man stole a suit of clothes in Pittsburgh and left a note saying he wanted them to get married in.

That man was altogether excuseable. Love knows no impediment.

Patrick Dunn's bedroom, in Williamsport, the other night was entered and his pockets rifled of a gold watch and \$200 in cash. Patrick was too careless by half. He ought to have locked his door.

Bill No. 111, for the prohibition and sale of intoxicating liquors in the borough of Milton, passed the Legislature on Tuesday. This bill cannot affect persons who have taken out license for the ensuing year.

On Wednesday, March 17th, the house of James Lake, near Espy, was entered by thieves who stole two coats, a set of fur jewelry, etc., value supposed to be \$750 or \$800. There is no clue to the robbers.—Columbian.

Wm. A. Sobers, Esq. of Sunbury, has been appointed by the Auditor General of the State, Stock Assessor and Bank Examiner, for the 17th District, composed of the counties of Northumberland, Montour and Columbia.

On Sunday last, an employee of the P. & E. R. R. Co., who had one of his legs badly hurt near Williamsport some time ago, had to undergo an amputation of the injured part, below the knee. The operation was performed by Dr. Strawbridge, of Danville.

In the 18th inst. a lad named Lantz, aged about 14 years, at South Easton, accidentally fastened his foot between the track and the planking of the railroad and was unable to extricate it in time for a passing train, which cut off his leg directly below the knee.

Wine and women are the curse of man. Men and wine are the curse of women. We are cursed set all around.

We are indeed, and to crown the "efficiency" we are cursed with the Radical party, and may soon be cursed with nigger suffrage.

Lerinda Calvea Elkland township, Toga county, was killed a few days ago by being struck on the head with a limb of a tree which he was assisting to cut down, and as his son was taking him home in a sleigh, he was struck by a limb which projected from the snow, with such force as to break his jaw.

Truly a most unfortunate man.

Director of the mint has been given to ex-Governor James Pollock. It was asked for by George H. Stuart, Esq., and there is little or no doubt but that his name will go in today.

Pollock has been a leech on the Government ever since he retired from the Governorship. He is about as decent as any of them, however, and that's some comfort.

An exchange says a piece of candle may be made to burn twice where a dull light is washed by putting finely powdered salt on the candle and it reaches the black part of the wick. In this way a mild and steady light may be kept through the whole night from a small piece of candle.

A tip-top thing to cut by—Oh, blessed salt, and O, Lord!

The Philadelphia Age, calls attention to the following law, proposed at Harrisburg, and asks what it means.

That no person shall have more than three years after the last payment is due on a mortgage to pay it off and hold the property described in the mortgage, but the said property shall fall back to the mortgagee any laws or decisions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Hammond Edwards, son of Mr. John Edwards, of this borough, had one of his hands cut through and through by some part of the machinery at Scott's Machine Shop on Monday night week, where he is employed. The injury is of so severe a character as to confine Mr. Edwards to his bed.—Muncy Luminary.

There are a great many accidents of this kind happening throughout the country. Is it carelessness or what?

The friends of General Meade and Thomas complain of the promotion of General Sheridan over the heads of those two veterans. They have reasons to complain, but—let us have peace.—Ez.

We don't think they ought to complain. There is possibly some sense of honor left in Meade and Thomas, and, if such be the case they could not wish to be preferred by the present administration.

A number of Pennsylvania politicians were put out of their agency yesterday. William R. Leeds was nominated for collector of the Second district, a position worth \$10,000 a year. He is chairman of the city executive committee, and is a ward politician of some influence. The appointment was made solely by Hon. Charles O'Neill. George C. Evans is the Third district was also sent in, at the request of Hon. Leonard Myers.—Patriot.

The assistant treasuryship of the United States at Philadelphia was given to Brother Eyster, of Franklin county. He is a brother-in-law of Senator John Scott. This is his only claim to the post. Much regret is expressed that Mr. Alexander F. Colesberry was not selected, as he was supported by the money interests of Philadelphia.

John Scott is following Grant's example. He is, decidedly, a nepotist. Alas, for John!

It is stated that the new issue of postage stamps may soon be expected. In design they will be unique, each series typifying a chapter in our country's history. An exchange hopes to doubt but that they are beautifully allegorical. They will not lack that essential which in many instances have been lost to the old ones, namely a beautiful supply of gum.

They have already made their appearance, and while the design is neat enough, we suggest that they ought to indicate the progress of Radical destruction of our Republican institutions. A runaway nigger would convey the idea.

The Legislature now in session at Harrisburg is surpassing all its predecessors in attempts at obnoxious law making. A day or two ago an effort was commenced in the State Senate to fasten an unpopular and oppressive law upon the people of that city, by the introduction of a bill to incorporate "The Philadelphia Cattle Market Company." Besides requiring that all the cattle brought there shall be yarded and weighed by the proposed company, the bill also creates the office of "Inspector of Cattle," with handsome perquisites, and the effect of its charges to be imposed upon cattle dealers by such a monopoly could only be to increase the price of meat in their markets.—Ez.

Prospectus of the "Belleville Democratic Watchman" for 1869.

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The BELLEFONTE WATCHMAN has never sought fame by courting infamy, nor for rewards not worthily earned. Its record is before its host of readers and friends in all quarters, and upon that record it enters the new year, seeking to advance to the

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of State and National Journalism, that it may be enabled to battle on for the cause of Justice, Equality, Right and Democracy, with an earnest desire to aid in the restoration of strict Liberty throughout the Confederacy. To accomplish the purpose in view, we point to its proud and well-known record of the past thirteen years, asking for it the kind offices and good will of

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It is needless to say to the readers and friends of the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN, that it will continue

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