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George H. Pendleton.

It is an axiom in political economy that the success of a party depends as much upon the prestige of those whom it may put forward as its standard bearers, as on its own record.

Moved by these considerations, and as earnest advocates for the ultimate triumph and realization of Democratic principles, pure et simple—we give it as our conviction, that in the addition of GEORGE H. PENDLETON, of Ohio, as its candidate in the Presidential contest of 1872, the Democratic party would have for its nominee, the only one of its leaders who can give it the victory, as being in himself a leader around whom moderate Republicans may and would consistently and willingly rally.

Mr. Pendleton claims to the unshaken confidence of the Democratic party, in all parts of the country, are equalled by those of none other of its leaders. His moderation has on many occasions preserved the Democracy from internal dissensions.

His opinion with respect to these questions, has been given in no ambiguous language. He believes that the localized current of the country should be a legal tender alike for the people and the people's creditors, that the medium which is considered fair remuneration for the labor of the toiling millions, is, by every law of justice and equity a fair payment for those who have made their great gains out of the nation's dire necessities.

Such are some of the features of this disgraceful conspiracy, by which an able and faithful officer of the Commonwealth has been evicted from the public service. Mr. Brewster supplied most of the brains to Governor Geary's administration; his record is clear and honorable; an impulsive man natural to, in all his official business he acted with singular prudence and moderation, and his legal services to the State were indisputably great.

—We read of a petrified giant, ten feet nine inches high, being found near Syracuse. BRICK POWERS sent a reporter to interview him, and has an amusing account of the conversation that took place between the statue and the reporter in last Tuesday's Democrat. Most likely this immense man shape is a statue instead of a petrified man. But it has excited intense curiosity.

the civil war, as in 1868, would secure the return of a Radical nominee. The candidate of either party will be judged from a different stand-point—the inauguration of a new political economy, a new order of things, and the management of new issues, in which Radicalism has been tried and found wanting.

In the Southern States, where the people, more than in any other portion of the Union, have suffered from the effects of Radical rule—the vote for Mr. PENDLETON would be almost unanimous. For what have the Southern people to gain from the election of a Radical candidate? What may they not hope from the return of a nominee pledged to a fair interpretation and application of Democratic principles?

From these and other considerations, we are under the conviction that the nomination of GEORGE H. PENDLETON by the Democratic Party, as its candidate in the Presidential contest of 1872, should be the unanimous decision of the Democracy every where, without respect to sectional differences, prejudices or predilections.

The Brewster Scandal.

The Age says: "The apologetic eulogies that appeared in some of the papers yesterday upon Mr. Frederick C. Brewster, betrayed the sense of shame that even his friends try, in vain, to conceal. A biography or, perhaps, we should say an auto biography of him furnished to all the Radical papers was a very singular performance. In it, the public is told that Mr. Brewster entered the bar at the age of nineteen. Thus there was some fraud on the very threshold of his professional career, for the rules of all the courts fix twenty one as the age of admission. A really candid biographer would have related the history of Mr. Brewster's connection with the National Safety Fund. Perhaps, however, the most significant tribute to the character of Mr. F. C. Brewster is the concluding paragraph of Mr. B. F. Brewster's resignation. He says to Governor Geary quite prophetically:

"Serve with you I cannot and will not, and you may hold my office vacant and fill it with whomsoever will be base and mean enough to run the risk of like treatment, or receive it as the price of some dishonorable bargain.

But lest a Democratic journal be suspected of prejudice in this matter, we copy some of the comments from a Radical source, the Morning Post of this city.

On Judge Brewster's relation to the matter it is difficult to speak. We are told that he is the brother of Benjamin Harris-Brewster, and if that be so we cannot understand how he became a party to this indecent haste. That he had any knowledge of the bargain by which he now profits we are ignorant, but his position is a delicate one, and the concluding portion of Mr. Brewster's letter is not one that can be read with satisfaction.

—Gen. BUTTERFIELD has resigned his political position, on account, he says, of the fact that a fair and impartial investigation was not accorded to him. He says he is not guilty of official misconduct. If this be true, BUTTERFIELD is about the only Radical office holder in the country that has kept a straight record.

Morals in Politics.

In view of the fact that so many Democratic voters stayed away from the polls on the 12th instant, and thus caused the defeat of Mr. PACKER and the election of JOHN W. GEARY, we publish the following remarks of the Public Ledger, an independent Radical paper, in Philadelphia. The Ledger says:

It is surprising to find how many men there are, otherwise careful and conscientious in their transactions, who are at the same time more than indifferent as to the way in which they discharge their duties as citizens on election day. Yet the moral obligation to vote honestly is as great as to pay debts honestly. The choice of officers to administer the laws and to carry on the government of great communities of hundreds of thousands and millions of souls, like the city of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania, is a matter of the utmost importance, and should be entered into with a full sense of the moral obligations involved. It is not, as too many seem to think, and as it is too often made, a mere trial of strength, a mere contest of numbers, or a grand combat to see which of two rival organizations can outmaneuver and defeat the other; but it is no less a matter than a selection of the men into whose hands the hundreds of thousands of people interested will commit the safe keeping of themselves and their families, the security of their property, the good order of society, the prosperity of the community, the health and welfare of the whole body of the people of the city and the Commonwealth. These are grave and important affairs, and the trustees and ministers of the law into whose custody they are given should be chosen with a care and a conscience in due proportion to their gravity and importance. The man who selects trust to execute a trust for the benefit of a member of his family, or executors of his will, takes good care that the man of his choice shall be upright men, in whose integrity and intelligence he can repose confidence; yet how common a thing it is to find just such a careful man going up to the polls and voting to place a trust in the hands of hundreds of thousands of families interested, in the hands of a man known to be unfaithful and wanting in the qualities of ability, character and experience? Why should this be so? Are the lives and health, the comfort and welfare, the homes and property of three quarters of a million of people of less consequence than the welfare of a single family? Every intelligent, conscientious man who puts these questions to himself, will find that he can give but one answer, and that is: that he should not vote for men to fill public positions, that he would not trust in similar capacities in his private affairs. He will find that he cannot say otherwise with reference to mere municipal and local offices, that have nothing whatever to do with national politics, that it is his bounden duty as a citizen, both for his own safety and those of his neighbors and fellow citizens, and all their families, to examine the characters of those who ask his vote, and to cast his vote only for the men. Year after year there are great lamentations over the unwisdom of candidates for office in these latter days. Such lamentations are idle as long as they are confined to mere words. The true way to compel good nominations on all sides is to vote only for the good men, and to strike off all the bad ones, without regard to party.

Hon. Henry Cooper, United States Senator Elect From Tennessee. Although it was generally expected that ex-President JOHNSON would be elected United States Senator from Tennessee to succeed Mr. FOWLER, that expectation has not been realized. The opposite to Mr. JOHNSON united and succeeded in electing Judge COOPER by a majority of four votes. The following, which we copy from an exchange, is an outline sketch of the new Senator.

The successor to Senator Joseph S. Fowler on the 4th of March, 1871, will be Henry Cooper, at present a member of the State Senate of Tennessee. Mr. Cooper is a native of Maury county, and is nearly fifty years old. He removed to Bedford county when a young man, and for several years represented the district in which that county is situated, in the lower branch of the Legislature. During the late war he was a strong, though not violent, Union man, and received from Governor Andrew Johnson the appointment of Judge in one of the State courts. During his term on the bench he sought several times to resign, but his resignation was not accepted, and Governor Brownlow, in a message to the Legislature, referred to him as one of the purest and most upright members of the State judiciary; and, though opposed to him politically, earnestly protested against his retirement. In 1866, however, he accepted a chair in the faculty of the Cumberland University, at Lebanon. He was chosen to the State Senate as a Center Conservative at the recent election, beating his radical opponent by a large majority.

—Judge Cooper has been regarded in Tennessee as one of the rising statesmen of the Southwest, and is very widely esteemed for his eminent abilities and spotless character. He is a personal friend of ex-President Johnson, and has voted for him for Senator on every ballot. His brother, Edward Cooper, lately a member of Congress and now a State Senator, was, for some time, Mr. Johnson's private secretary. The new Senator is a man of small stature, with a good personal presence and an extremely affable manner. It

has been supposed that he was unambitious of the honor now thrust upon him, for he is modest, and somewhat diffident, and has not permitted his friends to canvass for him as a candidate. He seems to have been taken up at the last moment by the combined opposition of Ex-Confederates and extreme Radicals as the only man capable of defeating Andrew Johnson, and his election was probably as unexpected to him as it is to the country at large.

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