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Editorial Convention.

We have been requested by several democratic editors of the West, to assume the responsibility of making a call upon the democratic editors of the State, to meet in convention, and also to designate the time and place.

We therefore recommend Altoona, Tuesday, the 28th of June, at three o'clock P. M.

The Convention at Altoona next Tuesday.

Before we issue another WATCHMAN, the Democratic Editorial State Convention will have met and adjourned. On Tuesday next, at Altoona, the members of the Democratic Editorial fraternity of the State will assemble, to take counsel together, as to what shall best conduce to the party interest and to the welfare and interest of our beloved country.

There will be strong, earnest, able men there—men gifted with eloquence and wisdom—men who will not counsel hastily nor agree to measures without due consideration—men who are veterans in politics, and who have, in years gone by, been safe and trusted counsellors of the Democracy.

At the same time there is no doubt but that the preponderating influence of the Convention will be made up of men who partake largely of "Young American" ideas. Youthful, vigorous, aggressive men—men who are opposed to compromises with the enemy, and who are determined to fight for the principle that this is a WHITE MAN'S GOVERNMENT. Men who will oppose Negro Suffrage in all its forms, believing that the ignorant, brutalized, heathen African can have and of right ought not to have any part or lot in the conduct of the affairs of this Republic.

From present indications there will be a large attendance, and we expect to see representatives from every nook and corner in the State. We shall meet men of every kind. We shall meet men who write able editorials, pungent paragraphs, with criticism, comprehensive reviews. We shall meet orators, statesmen, scholars, poets. In fact, we shall meet every body that is anybody (begging the pardon of those who may be compelled to stay at home), and the result will be a grand combination of intellect and intelligence, such as can only be found in the ranks of the Democracy, and the deliberations of which cannot fail to throw light upon the questions that may come before it, and make the duty of the Democratic party as plain to our moral and political perceptions as the Sun at noonday.

We really anticipate a very important and interesting time—an occasion from which may spring results of great importance to the Democratic Party of Pennsylvania. We believe each Democratic editor will go to Altoona feeling that it is to be an important occasion, and with the resolve to do all in his power to subserve the object for which it was called. At least, we trust that such is the general feeling, and we believe that the Convention will lay the foundation of the future and permanent triumph of the State Democracy of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia Radicalism.

The Radicals had conventions in Philadelphia the other day, for the purpose of nominating ward tickets, &c., and at nearly all of them the greatest disorder and confusion prevailed. The advocates of niggerism attempted to foist their men into too prominent positions, and this the more decent of the party wouldn't stand. As a consequence, there was in several of the wards a general row. Pistols were fired promiscuously, and four or five men shot, while curses and hurrahs mingled together in the wildest confusion. So great was the disturbance and inharmoniousness that even the Radical papers speak of it in severe terms, pronouncing it a disgrace to the city, &c.

Such is the present condition of the Radical party in Philadelphia. They have nominated their tickets, it is true, but some of the men on them are the most odious and unpopular in the city. The Democracy never had a better chance to beat them than at present, and now is the time to annihilate them forever.

The doom of Radicalism is sealed, everywhere, but we shall hail with particular gratification the news of their final discomfiture in our State metropolis.

Right.

We are glad to learn that the unconquerable Democracy of Clinton County, intend presenting the name of G. O. DEISE, Esq., as their candidate for Legislature at the coming election. We do not know whether Mr. DEISE desires the position, or whether he would accept, but we do know that men with the ability that he possesses, and the experience he has had as a member of the House will be needed at Harrisburg next winter. The new apportionment will be made then. Radicalism will try to fasten upon us a villainous bill as the one that now deprives us of our fair show of representatives both at Harrisburg and Washington, and we will need such men as DEISE to aid in securing an honest and fair redistricting of the State. Clinton County has many Democrats who would make faithful, able, and worthy Representatives, but few of them have had experience, and experience is what is needed next winter. The next session of the Legislature will be one of the most important ones that has been held for years, and the Democrats of Clinton are right—as they always are—in recognizing this fact, and in securing for themselves a member who will do them honor, and see that their interests are properly cared for.

Journalistic.

We are in receipt of the first number of the The Illustrated Humorist, a new monthly paper just started in Fayetteville, New York, at the low price of 50 cents a year. It is a goodly and witty publication. It contains eight closely-printed pages, without a single advertisement, and all its articles, both original and selected, indicate that a master mind is at the helm. We wish the new paper success in its peculiar line of journalism, believing that

The Charlotte Volunteer has just entered its fifty seventh year. May its future be as successful as its past. It has been true and untrammeled.

The weekly Alta Californian made its appearance on our table last week. It is about as big as a couple of bed blankets sewed together, and as interesting as your sweet heart of sixteen, when she picks her month for a kiss.

The Somerset Democrat has grown out of its old clothes, and appears in an entire new dress—just the kind of one to fight radicalism in this hot weather.

Kalamazoo, Michigan, has just sent out its first number of a Democratic Champion. As we haven't seen it, we can't tell how champion like it looks.

Gen. LOGAN, who was famous as a Union soldier during the late "war plensness" by his sudden and memorable appearance at Louisville at the time of fighting, has been stirring up another military chieftain of like calibre in Congress. Logan says Butler is a bar and a humbug, and Butler believes Logan is a coward and a fool. There is but a slight difference in our eyes between these noble foodstuffs. The one (BUTLER) in time of danger got into a bottle, while the other (LOGAN) always got a bottle into him. Verily they are a precious couple of "Dutch Gappers!"

BEN BUTLER says that CALLEN CUSHING didn't write the President's last message. BERRY don't intend to have his property thus reared out to such an unsympathizing, fossilized, political Bohemian squatter as the ancient CALLEN. Well, it's a very small matter who wrote it for OLIVIER TORREY. A smart boy, at ten could do as well, if not better than the President, and as to BERRY's right and title to its paternity, any half witted scamp would naturally enough double the honor of its parentage.

One of the ways the party that clamors so much about "protecting home industry," protects the laboring men of the country, is to allow manufacturers to import the Chinese laborers they choose, to work for them at 30 cents per day. One SAMMONS, a loil tariff shrikeer of Massachusetts, has just put to work in his shoe manufactory 75 Chinamen, at 30 cents a day, and discharged 75 laboring white men, who asked \$1.25 per day. If SAMMONS and other manufacturers have the right to go to Asia for cheap workmen, why shouldn't our farmers and laborers have the right to go to Europe for cheap goods.

Guess the "Fourth" won't be here this year. At least our folks don't seem to be expecting it, for they are not making any preparations to receive it.

Philadelphia Mongrel Nominations—Scramble for Office—Radical Rogues, Rows and Riots—Nigger Delegates, and Rascally Nominations—The Ticket Reputed by Radical Papers—Disgraceful Scenes—Defeat Certain.

On Monday of last week the Radical-mongrel party of Philadelphia, made their regular ward and city nominations. Negroes and the most debased class of debauched white men, composed the-principle portion of the delegates, and a ticket, just such a one as would be expected from such a convention, was placed in the field. The different places of meeting were scenes of the most indescribable confusion, and fights and riots inside and outside were the order of the day. Pistols, and knives, and talles, and clubs, and fists, and oaths, were the arguments used, and the complete triumph of the roughs and rowdies was the result. In order that our readers may know how "harmonious" the Radical party of Philadelphia is, that they may understand what class of men controls that party there—who the decent portion of it are expected to support—the kind of candidates it puts upon its ticket—we copy the following account of the proceedings from the Radical papers of that city, and feel that no decent Republican can read the reports without feeling ashamed of his party. The contest for Sheriff was very bitter, and the following is the account which the Telegraph and Bulletin, both Radical papers, give of the proceedings of that Convention.

The chiefest political centre of the day was at National Hall. Here it was that the Convention to nominate a Sheriff was held. The fierce fight for this high office promised at this assemblage scenes of extraordinary excitement. It was known that the Walton delegates were inimical to the League party, and the latter just as determinedly opposed to the former. In the event of there being no show of success to either of the prominent candidates, it was confidently ascertained that the forces would join hands and vote in favor of Bingham or Massey. At ten o'clock the great crowd of delegates, with a slight mixture of the colored element, entered.

In a twinkling, John Lane (the Walton party representative) jumped upon the stage, and was directly nominated for temporary chairman. The nomination was ratified by a portion of the delegates. Mr. Lane had not tapped the desk more than twice with a gravel which he drew from his pocket, when Wm. Elliott, a representative of the Leeds party, was declared the temporary chairman, and the proceedings on the stage followed by H. H. K. Elliott, who was presided for the chairmanship by the Berry delegates.

A scene of great excitement followed. A struggle for the gravel was hotly waged. It was snatched from Lane's hands by the Berrings, and in a moment it was furiously transferred to the keeping of Elliott. The Leeds party made a hundred delegates crowded upon the stage, and a scene of wildest confusion directly ensued. The desk was overturned, and the stage chandeliers were wrenched from their places.

Nascomer had the desk been replaced and Mr. Elliott mounted it to declare the names of the Secretaries, then Lane rushed upon him, snatching for the mallet. In the contention which followed, Elliott and Lane and a dozen of delegates who were hotly pressing them on either side, were thrown from the stage upon the floor—a distance of six feet. Elliott, with remarkable alacrity, regained the stage, but to find the back of his coat ripped to the collar. Stripping himself of the garment, he again stepped upon the desk, and, in a momentary calm, announced Dr. Crowell and Isaac McPherson as the temporary Secretaries and thus spoke:

I believe to say that it is the desire of the Convention that I shall not preside as the temporary organizer, I will withdraw. Let the members here for the interest of the Republican party these scenes of disorder should cease. Those who want me for temporary organizer, say so.

A roar in the affirmative was followed by an equally loud roar in the negative, and the fight was again resumed, during which the reporters' desks were overturned, and the knights of the quill themselves forced, for safety's sake, into the stage boxes. During the melee Lane's hat was snatched, and that gentleman was seized by the arms and legs, and dragged to the edge of the stage, the intention indubitably being to force him off. Happily his progress off the platform was stopped by one of the chandeliers, which had been replaced. He struggled out of the hands of his captors, and jumping up on a bench, cried out—

"As temporary Chairman of this Convention I nominate John W. Sayles and Thompson for Secretaries, and I want to say—"

Cries of "Put him out!" "Throw him off the stage," &c., and an uproarious boo-hoing drowned, to the reporters' ears, whatever else he said. The Leeds party men then cleared the stage, forcing off Lane and his adherents in a twinkling. Thus the former proved triumphant, and Chairman William Elliott waved the baton of power with an unchallenged—though not undisputed—right.

He then announced that he would call the precincts of the several Wards in numerical order, in order that the delegates might regularly present their credentials.

In consequence of the great confusion in the hall, and the large number of persons in it not entitled to the privilege of the floor, it was found impracticable to proceed until the hall had been cleared. The only persons then admitted were persons with the requisite authority of a credential.

Until half-past twelve o'clock the time was consumed in the presentation of credentials, among which were six colored delegates. The right of Jacob Purnell (colored) to a seat from the Eighth division of the famous Fourth Ward was denied. Nevertheless he presented his credentials.

The chairman then announced that the roll would be called, and each delegate whose seat was not contested would approach the secretary's desk and receive tickets of admission to the hall. As to the contested delegates he would not admit them after the recess, soon to be had, until the Committee on Credentials had decided whether they had a right to the floor or not.

To this the defeated candidate for the chairmanship, in the interest of the Berry-delegates, H. H. K. Elliott, interposed a strong objection. All the delegates, he said, were equal upon the floor of this hall, until the Committee on Contested Seats reported its report, and the chairman had no right to discriminate against any delegate, whose seat was contested or not.

A number of delegates, whose seats were contested, made violent objections to the Chairman's plan, declaring that he wanted to beat them "out of the Convention."

The Chairman's plan was ratified by a majority of delegates and the tickets were then distributed.

As James H. Williams, the first colored delegate to receive a ticket, stepped out, he was greeted with applause.

THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NOMINATION OF HON. CHARLES O'NEILL—SPELT IN THE CONVENTION JOHN V. CREELEY ALSO NOMINATED

In this Convention the order was but little better, than in that for nominating a Sheriff. From the same papers which give substantially the same report, we clip the following description:

A temporary organization was effected in the election of William S. Stokley for President, and William King, Secretary. These nominations met with determined opposition, the opposite party desiring Edward Cobb for President. The officers, however, proceeded to receive the credentials of the various delegates, but this was interrupted by a rush made for the Secretary's table. One man grabbed at the pile of certificates, and a great confusion ensued, the platform being crowded with men. Tables, chairs and benches were broken, eyes blacked and a general riot ensued for a short time. None of the certificates were lost, however. The opposition to Mr. Stokley still continued, and the proceedings were brought to a stand still, the adherents of Mr. Cobb declined to proceed with Mr. Stokley as President.

The interruption in the proceedings continued up to within a few moments of one o'clock. Mr. Stokley, in the meantime, with a view to harmonize matters, proposed that Mr. Cobb himself vacate the positions as president in favor of George Truina, Esq. This was refused. At one o'clock both presidents proceeded to effect two organizations. The organization of which Mr. Stokley was president proceeded to nominate immediately amid the greatest confusion. The credentials of the delegates were handed in in one corner of the room, and the Secretary, Mr. King, announced the result of the vote to be as follows:

Wm. Charles O'Neill 43
John Price Weatherill 2
John V. Creeley 2

Mr. O'Neill was thereupon declared the nominee, and the O'Neill party left the hall.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANTI O'NEILL DELEGATES.

The anti O'Neill party remained, however, and effected a temporary organization by selecting Edward B. Cobb as President, and William Maffin Smith as Secretary.

A permanent organization was then effected by choosing Edward B. Cobb President, and the usual number of Vice Presidents, Secretaries, door keepers, &c., when the credentials of the delegates were then presented, and after a favorable report by the committee, the following gentlemen were then placed in nomination; Charles O'Neill, John Price Weatherill, John V. Creeley, and Cornelius Walborn. Tellers were appointed and the balloting commenced, which resulted as follows:

Creeley 49
Weatherill 12
O'Neill 12

Total 73

On motion, the nomination was declared unanimous.

The president then appointed a committee of three to wait upon Mr. Creeley and inform him of his nomination. The convention then adjourned.

The Creeley party were orderly in their proceedings, and they claim that as they proceeded according to the code of rules governing the Republican party, that their nomination is legitimate and regular.

HOW THE RADICAL PAPERS TAKE IT.

We could fill column after column of the WATCHMAN with similar accounts of the same disgraceful scenes in nearly all the nominating conventions of the city, taken from the Press Inquirers Day, Post and other Radical papers, but we deem it useless. In concluding our editorial remarks on the actions of the conventions the Press, says:

That the day has been a most inauspicious one for the Republican party—that it was characterized largely by the rowdism and lawlessness heretofore generally confined to the Democratic conventions, and as much that it evinced a retrograde in the moral and standing of our organization. We do not wish to deny nor hesitate to aver.

The Morning Post, the most extreme

mongrel paper of the city, is decidedly bitter, and after giving its views on the character of the nominees, and depreciating the conduct and character of the conventions, goes in the following style for the individual nominated as candidate for—

REGISTER OF WILLS

We refer particularly to the nominations of William M. Bunn as Register of Wills. This audacious politician has forced himself upon a party which long ago adjured him, and has robbed it of its rights. The Convention at Washington Hall was a mob of men who were not delegates, who were merely roughs and political outlaws, who kept many legally elected delegates from the room, and put Mr. Bunn's name on the ticket by the power of the pistol and the billy. That only firemen were shot in the attempt to nominate Mr. Bunn is astonishing when we consider the character of his supporters; the wonder is that we had not another Romanina massacre. Nothing could have exceeded the infamy and boldness of this convention. Its action is, of course, not to be regarded. Mr. Bunn is not a Republican candidate. That he will not be elected it would be absurd to say; but he does not deserve even to be bought off.

A WORD OF ADVICE TO BUNN

The Inquirer and other leading radical papers swallow most of the ticket, notwithstanding the disgraceful character of the candidates, but sees fit to bestow the following to BUNN:

Bunn, who carried the nomination for Register of Wills at the pistol's mouth, boasts that he will have a larger majority in October than any other candidate upon the Republican ticket.

From the conduct of Bunn's ruffianly associates in the Convention we were prepared to believe that he would resort to desperate measures to secure his election to the post of Register of Wills, in which position his peculiar genius for fraud would enable him to rob the dead with impunity. But we did not believe that he made a bargain with "the Fourth Ward crowd" to stuff the ballot-box with illegal votes. If his honest means anything it means this, for it is impossible to conceive of a single honest & honorable man supporting him at the polls, and he may as well understand now, before he attempts to bring further disgrace upon the party with which he connects himself, like a vampire, that he will not receive the countenance of that party in October. This pistol and bludgeon candidate of hired roughs, called delegates, must retire, not only for his own sake, but for his party's too. The Republican party might possibly survive the Income Tax, but it cannot possibly survive Bunn.

THE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Were in like keeping with BUNN—just such men as might be expected from the manner in which the delegate elections were conducted, and the character of the conventions. Dishonest, unworthy and debauched as they are, the Radical papers generally leave the elector to ask decent men to vote for them for law makers at Harrisburg. The fact singles out a couple of the rhapsodes, and pitches into them in decidedly vigorous style. It says of

"FATTY SMITH.

It is too much, from the well known record of William F. Smith, to expect that gentleman to reform his own ways or improve those of his predecessor, and if he should be elected, we look for a repetition, in an intensified form, of the notorious actions of Mr. Hong, whom public sentiment forced to retire ignominiously from the contest. Mr. Smith was regarded as the warm friend and backer of Hong all through the legislative career of that gentleman, and Smith is held to be the particular representative of the chagrined Hong. The district will thus have a dual representative, Hong being the silent and advisory member of the firm. We very much mistake the sentiment of the people of the Sixteenth district if Smith be an acceptable candidate, and are free to say that the public interests will be better served, and the honor of the Republican party more assuredly preserved by his defeat than by his election.

CHARLES KLECKNER.

Mr. Kleckner, of the Sixth District, is also an exceedingly unhappy nomination. He was a member of the Legislature during the session of 1868 and 1869, and the reputation he achieved while holding a seat in that body should have been sufficient to exclude him forever from being trusted in any public position, and particularly from being returned to a representative body where he will have so many opportunities to repeat his disgraceful practices and dishonest tricks. Mr. Kleckner has not a single qualification for the place. He is a man without education, destitute of even ordinary intelligence, and a stranger to those virtues with which most men, to some degree, are endowed. His nomination is an insult to common honesty and the intelligence of the Republican party, and no man who has any regard for public morals and official honesty can conscientiously vote for him. The simple fact that he was one of the original Roostergang should of itself be sufficient to defeat him.

A DEMOCRATIC VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

The Age gives a full and very graphic account of the terrible scenes of disorder which occurred in the various conventions. The details are calculated to disgust all decent men. It has the following editorial comments:

The scenes of riot, drunkenness and ruffianism which marked the election

of delegates to the different nominating Conventions of the Radical party, were repeated yesterday in many of these bodies, heightened by the debauch of the intervening night. Each candidate had his gang of hired lullies and desperados, armed, desperate and excitable. No latitude of opinion was allowed. Words were followed by blows, and the pistol, knife and black jack substituted for facts, reason and argument. White men contended with negroes, and negroes filled to the lips with bad whiskey stalked through the Conventions and insulted, elbowed and jostled white men in the most insulting manner. There was no decorum, no decency of behavior, no regard for law, order or propriety in many of the Conventions. Men shouted and fought and blasphemed in the most sickening and disgusting manner. The leaders in this wild tumult of greed and passion looked only at the prize ahead, and cared not by what steps the goal was reached, while their tools and agents, selected from the lowest class of our population, drained the drunkard's glass, counted their pay, and trampled alike upon rights of person and rights of property at their master's bidding. As the most money is at stake in the nomination for Sheriff, of course the roughest riot took place in that body.—Here the Leeds and Walton champions crossed swords, and the contest was fiercely waged. Two men claiming to be Chairmen of the Convention, mounted the stand at the same time. Then commenced a regular battle. Blows were given and received, clothing torn, tables and chairs upset, gas fixtures demolished, hats mashed, pocket-books stolen, and all this to an accompaniment of oaths, curses and yell-terrorful to hear in a Christian land. After the combatants exhausted the surplus steam, something like order was established, and the body proceeded with the farce of making general nominations in the name of the respectable portion of the Radical party. A similar scene, though not quite so disgusting in its surroundings, occurred in the Judicial Convention. There three men claimed the office of President, and noise, confusion and wrangling ensued. Appeals for order were greeted with bursts of derisive laughter, and the friends of the different aspirants for judicial positions menaced each other and prepared for personal violence if success could be reached by no other road. There was also a fine exhibition of Bonnybrook Fair tactics in the Second Congressional District Convention. Several rounds were fought, some chart drawn, a few potato traps damaged, and the pigs separated, each to their own crib. This is by no means an exaggerated picture of the field of battle as it appeared in the Radical Conventions yesterday. Plunder, robbery and association with degraded negroes seems to have obliterated all traces of decency from the office-seekers of the Radical party and their followers and hangers on. They care not by what means an end is gained. They bribe, bully, enslave, cheat, use any and all methods of bending the delegates to their interested purposes. Now, what are nominations worth made in such dens of crime and profligacy? They are not the will of the people, anonymous in a just, proper and decorous manner, nor will they be so accepted. Ruffians, rowdies and political gamblers and adventurers may make nominations but respectable people will not endorse them at the polls.

To the Republican readers of the WATCHMAN, and to the respectable members of the Radical party who are not bigoted to glance over the columns of our paper, we commend the careful perusal of this entire chapter. We leave it with out comment. Perhaps it may open the eyes of some who have heretofore regarded the Radical party as a party of "Great Moral Ideas," the "God and Morality Party," and who have heretofore believed that worth, and decency, and respectability, and harmony prevails within its ranks.

The Clarion Democrat wants to know how much GIBBILLAN got for dodging the Northern Pacific land grab vote. Just half as much as ARMSTRONG and the other radical rascals got for voting for it. Dodgers are half price, you know, BROWN. When the proper time comes, we'll tell you all about the price, as we have some facts in our possession now, that will open the eyes of the "trooly loil," as to the manner in which this thieving scheme was put through.

BRICK POMEROY will be present at the Democratic editorial convention at Altoona, on the 28th instance. The Daily Sun of that city, of Friday last, says:

MARK M. POMEROY, editor of the New York Democrat has accepted an invitation to be present at the convention of democratic editors which will meet in this city on the 28th inst. "Brick" has a warm place in the affections of the gallant democracy of this city, and they will be happy to see him in their midst.

We notice by the Clearfield Republican that our talented young friend A. W. WALTER Esq., of that place has been nominated for the District Attorneyship of Clearfield county. Mr. WALTER's vote, doubling as it does, the combined vote of his two competitors at the primary election, is a compliment of which he may well feel proud. He will make an efficient officer, and the Democracy of Clearfield have done themselves an honor in choosing him as their standard bearer.

The tradesmen of France are striking all over the Empire and much detriment to manufactures and business is feared.