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Friday, April 19, 1872.

A Dirty Dodge.

Gov. Geary informed a committee of the late Republican Convention, that he would not sign the Congressional Apportionment bill, if at all, until after the October election. His motive is transparent. He proposes to take advantage of the infamous gerrymander of 1862, and then for fear the next Legislature will pass a fair bill, will sign the act of last winter, which is nearly as unfair. Yet, knowing how uncertain he is in performing his promises and pledges he *may* be induced to sign the bill. If he does not, we give due notice to our opponents in this District, *that they must fight to win it.*

A Model Convention.

Ever since its creation the Republican organization has been designated as the "God and morality party," by its leaders, who claimed that it possessed all the virtues in the calendar. Without discussing the morality of our gift enterprise and horse jockey President, or the defalcations and swindles perpetrated by his appointees, we would allude to the recent State Convention which it was presumed would represent the brains and intelligence of the party. From all we can learn, however, it was an undisciplined mob, controlled by office-holders and roughs, and on every occasion the respectable minority were stifled, and their protests treated with derision. The notorious Bill Ovens was made Sergeant at Arms. He held that position in the House of Representatives as a reward for having killed the gallant Col. Riddle. The inside management was controlled by Col. Mann, who has engineered more rascality in Philadelphia than any other man, and he had for aide-de camp the notorious Bunn who got a seat in the Legislature through the oaths of repeaters, who have since been proven perjurers. Wm. Elliott, late speaker of the House, lent a hand, and again successfully used his favorite weapon of squelching debate that was unpalatable.

Of course R. W. Mackey, State Treasurer, and one of the "Ring" was present as a delegate. He *must* have Hartranft nominated, to cover their joint transactions, and especially the Evans swindle, in which both were concerned.

Another leader present was General Joshua T. Owens, his specialty lying in the fact that he was court martialed and sentenced to be dismissed the army on the charges of being found drunk in the streets of Harper's Ferry, and of using insulting language to the daughter of his Lieut. Col.

Under such management, what chance had Ketchum, or any other honest man? It is proper to add that one third of the delegates at least stood firm, and protested to the last. Not content with packing the Convention, the "Ring" also nominated delegates to the National Convention. The people of each district were not left free to choose for themselves, but had to swallow the nominations of a corrupt majority. One earnest protest at least was uttered by Col. Frick of Montour, as we learn by the *Press*, viz:

"THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

At this point Mr. R. M. Frick, of Montour, said: I desire to enter my protest against the convention appointing delegates to the National Convention at Philadelphia. I do not think this convention is competent to take from the Republicans of the different Congressional districts the power to appoint.

Here he was choked off by the Hon. Wm. Elliott, of Philadelphia, shouting "Question! question!"

The President. The Chair, is now making out the list of committees.

Mr. Elliott. Then I raise the point that the gentleman is out of order.

The President. The gentleman is out of order, if the point is raised. He has a right to file his protest with the clerk.

MR. FRICK'S PROTEST.

Mr. Frick did not file his protest with the clerk of the convention, but he did with the reporter of the *Press*, and it is as follows:

I, R. M. Frick, of Montour county, protest against the appointment of delegates to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia by this convention, for the reason that it is not competent for this convention to assume duties not delegated to it by the people."

We do not believe the masses of the Republican party will endorse the action of the Convention. They are already speaking out, and, unless mere party tools, cannot be driven into the support of obnoxious men.

Opinions of the Republican Press in regard to the Harrisburg Convention.

BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

(From the *Press.*)

A LAST WORD.

We are told that it is too late in the day to advise the delegates to the Republican State Convention, and that we are only struggling against the inevitable. We hope and believe not. At all events, it is our right and duty as a Republican journalist to speak out boldly and plainly.

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One word to the Philadelphia delegation, which, in all probability, will have the deciding vote. These gentlemen know the situation in this city, the gloom of the present and the uncertainty of the future. They were chosen by machinery which nine-tenths of the party condemns, and upon which even the City Executive Committee pronounces the doom of abolition. They know how difficult it will be to call out the party vote next fall, and the necessity of a State ticket which will unite the thousands of voters here, disgusted with present management and tired of the dictation of a few men. They know of the sentiment here which will not tolerate the slightest suspicion or the smallest charge against a candidate; they have heard the mutterings of a storm which needs but one impolitic act to burst forth, and they will, we trust, heed the warnings.

Now, as Philadelphia goes, so goes the State. In 1867 Philadelphia went against us and Sharswood was elected judge of the Supreme Court. In 1869 Geary had 4,596 majority in the State, and Philadelphia gave him the measure of it, 4,400. Last year Stanton, for Auditor General, had 14,490 majority, and we gave him 11,494 of it. This city is the bulwark of Republicanism. When the Democracy carry it they will sweep the State.

The wisest and best men in the State—our educators and champions in the past—counsel the nomination of a man who will call out the vote of Philadelphia and enlist the enthusiasm of its thousands of Republicans, as devotedly loyal in their attachment to the party as any, but will not be forced into the support of a "set-up" candidate. Their wise, disinterested, and patriotic counsels must prevail in the selection of the men who are to lead our columns and carry forward and enforce the great truths of Republicanism.

Our latest despatches from Harrisburg leave small ground for hope that the politicians will modify their prearranged programme in respect to the nomination for Governor, notwithstanding the clearest indications that the masses of the party do not approve of their choice, and the serious danger that a defeat, which would be a disaster, may result from their obstinacy. But we have done our full duty in the matter—now let the delegates do theirs.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

As the momentousness of the issues that hang upon the coming campaign are better understood, and as the influence which tomorrow's convention will exercise in shaping the result of that campaign is better appreciated, we begin to see the clouds dissolve, and the future of the party becoming bright and assurred again.

The nomination of General Hartranft, which awhile ago looked as though the people demanded, is now most strongly opposed by them. The "plot," or "job," or whatever it may be, of the party managers, has evoked a storm of honest indignation throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth. The people sternly reject any attempt to force upon them a candidate nominated by such means as those which elected one-half the delegates sent to Harrisburg from this city.

Now, General Hartranft was as gallant a soldier as Pennsylvania or any other State sent to the front, and we cannot reward too highly the heroes who saved the Union, and his administration of the Auditor General's office has apparently been satisfactory and honest, but there are suspicions against him which would weigh him down like a millstone in the coming canvass. They may be unjust and malicious, but they were not inspired by his opponents for the nomination, nor have they been urged against him by these honorable gentlemen. Furthermore, he has not the ripe experience, ability, or culture for the Executive of a great Commonwealth like Pennsylvania.

Besides all this, consider the great issues at stake in October next. The offices are high and important—Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, Auditor Genaral, and a Legislature to elect a United States Senator. Seldom is there such a combination of causes to call for good nominations, wise counsels, and unanimity of action. In the November following the Presidential and Congressional elections will be held, and it may so turn that the electoral vote of Pennsylvania thrown into the scale will turn the ballance. The result of the Presidential race will hinge upon the October contest.

Never was there a more critical period, and the party should be active, harmonious, and united. We have not the beaten Democracy so much to fear as the dangerous elements in our ranks, growing bolder and more confident every day by just such movements as that now under consideration. The moral force of our organization must not be weakened, least of all in Pennsylvania, always staunch and true. Let the aspirants for the nominations, if not the members of the convention, rise above their personal ambitions and save our party, now more than ever needed, from the shadow of defeat which looms up in the future.

AFTER THE CONVENTION:

YESTERDAY'S WORK.

General John F. Hartranft is the Republican nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania. We believe it to be a most inauspicious selection, a sad opening of what promises to be a most exciting and difficult campaign. Made not in the spirit of harmony in the party or of the interests of the State, but simply to gratify a "ring" which has taken possession of the Republican organization of the State and will lead us to inevitable defeat in the city next fall unless sternly checked beforehand, it will need a superhuman effort to elect General Hartranft. Not even the placing of Judge Mercur upon the ticket with him will help to lighten our load.

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The selection of delegates to the National Convention and the State Constitutional Convention is poor, and calls for no praise. A little leaven of wisdom, integrity and ability, is infused, but it does not leaven the whole lump. Some of the names to the first are those of good Republicans and honest men, and one or two are of another class.

In choosing the delegates at large to the Constitutional Convention there was an evident ignorance of the bill passed at the recent session of the Legislature. There were twenty-eight delegates to be elected at large from the State and six from Philadelphia. The convention yesterday gave our city a share of the State's representation. The hypocrisy of the delegates from this city naming the Hon. Wm. M. Meredith is palpable.

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We can only wish that the convention had been held under fairer auspices, that there had been less of the ring and rowdy element, and more of the disinterested and patriotic spirit which characterized a few members. Judge Mercur's name is a tower of strength, but even it or that of the best man the Republican party of Pennsylvania ever presented cannot efface the shame with which a part of yesterday's proceedings are disgraced.

PATIENCE and forbearance cease to be virtues when any man or set of men attempt to tyrannize over either a people or party. The Republican State Central Committee of Pennsylvania, whose own authority is derived from the Republican voters at second-hand only, and therefore may fail entirely to represent their wishes, empowered the Republican State Convention to appoint delegates to the National Convention, which meets in this city next June. The committee had no possible warrant for this action. It was directly opposed to the precedents of the two last National Republican Conventions, and not only had not the sanction of the people, but has since been earnestly protested against by the voters in several districts. Furthermore, the Harrisburg Convention, to which the rights of the individual voters were thus arbitrarily delegated, was notoriously packed by a ring of unprincipled self-constituted party managers. The election of the delegates composing it, so far at least as Philadelphia is concerned, was a mockery, in which the masses of the party were suffered to have no voice. For these reasons alone, even had the National delegates chosen been ever so worthy and real representative men, the Republicans of the several districts would have been fully justified in meeting in their respective towns or wards and electing such delegates as they desired to have to represent them. But, as the case stands, they will be compelled, out of self-respect, to do this. The State Convention yesterday appointed a set of delegates for the Philadelphia districts, most of whom are utterly without character or influence, except with roughs or bummers of their own stripe. There are but two or three respectable men in the whole delegation. The rest have been taken mainly from the very lowest of our petty ward politicians. We advise that meetings be called at once in all the wards of the city, and wherever else in the State this course has not already been determined upon, and that the Republican voters (who are entirely competent to decide for themselves in this important matter) proceed to elect their own delegates to the convention, which will unquestionably nominate President Grant next June.

[From the Lancaster Express.]

Those who have been careful readers of the *Express* for the past two years, or since it has called public attention to the reckless and criminal manner in which our state finances have been managed, need scarcely be informed that neither the proceedings nor the results of the republican state convention meet our approval or have any claim upon our support. The convention, so far as its relation to either the wishes or the interests of the people at large are concerned, was a broad farce. We never saw its equal, and we hope we may never look upon its like again. It was more like a ratification meeting, called to endorse what had already been agreed upon in a caucus called by the treasury ring of Mackey, Hartranft & Company.

The nomination of Hartranft, known to be a member of a ring which stinks in the nostrils of all honest men, himself under a cloud of suspicion in connection with the Evans fraud, was bad enough, and of itself a greater load than any party would be able to carry, but it was completely supplemented by the nomination of Senator Allen, whose principle distinction was his championship of that gigantic fraud known as the "Nine Million Steal," and which was thoroughly ventilated in the republican newspapers of Lancaster at the time that bold scheme for robbing the treasury was attempted. To ask the readers of the *Express* to support a ticket like this, and nominated under such auspices, would be a gross and unpardonable insult. We do not believe it can be elected, and the best reason in the world which can be given for this opinion, to all honest men, is that it does not deserve to be.

Perhaps the only redeeming feature in the proceedings is the nomination of Judge Mercur, who is said to be an unexceptionable man, and well qualified for the responsible position for which he has been designated, though he owes his choice rather to geographical considerations than to any conclusions based upon a comparison of the merits of the different candidates.

The selection of candidates for delegates at large to the constitutional convention, which ought never to have been assumed by a partisan convention was done by a packed committee against the earnest remonstrances of a powerful minority, to whom even the right of discussion was denied by the prompt application of the gag wielded by a pliant tool in the chair.

The republican party cannot carry such loads as these and survive. The time has now come to call a "halt" along the line, if the rank and file would save it from falling headlong into the fearful "slough of despond" to which the leaders are hurrying it. We know that the creatures of the ring will resort to the scare crow of the overshadowing importance of the presidential election, but this is an old and familiar device of the leaders to cover up their indefensible acts which people now well understand. If the men who controlled the Harrisburg convention had been really solicitous of the success of the presidential ticket they would never have placed such an incubus upon the party as the ticket against which we now enter our solemn protest.

[From the Reading Eagle.]

The nomination of such a man as Hartranft—who is well known as a friend of Geo. O. Evans; as a notorious jockey and "sporting man;" a deeply interested party in all schemes for plundering the national and state governments to which he could possibly gain admission; a man who has been time and again denounced by honest republican senators like Messrs. Billingfelt and Warfel; a man who can only command a mere handful of votes in a republican strong—hold like Lancaster county—actually seems like a bid for a defeat, and a defeat he will receive if the people of Pennsylvania are in earnest in their desire for reform.

Notwithstanding all the whitewashing and shirking of the questions, at issue by Hartranft and his aiders and abetors in the Evans frauds, it is too evident that Hartranft, as auditor general, is deeply concerned in those rascally transactions. A Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* stated, before the nomination, that some very unpleasant facts were being raked up in connection with Hartranft's peculiar actions in regard to the state sinking fund. Hartranft was a member of the board, and, in connection with state treasurer Mackey, recommended an additional loan of $5,000,000, in the face of the fact that there was then in the state treasury an unexpended balance of $1,204,363,91, all which belonged to the sinking fund. Another thing that shows badly for Hartranft is the remarkable financial exhibit of the condition of state treasury presented by Messrs. Hartranft, Mackey, and Jordan, in response to Mr. Billingfelt's resolution—an exhibit that shows that overdue loans, bearing interest, amount to $1,654,283,20 (not including the loan due in February last), with an unexpended balance in the state treasury of $,866,794,43, which presents no excuse for this undoubted mismanagement of the people's money.

[From the Lancaster Enterprise.]

The proceedings of the state convention, and the ticket nominated, appear in another column. The action of the body has caused wide spread dissatisfaction, which finds very plain expression in the leading city journals, as well as among the delegates on the floor of the convention itself. The ticket as it stands is admitted to be a weak one. Why was it so formed? Because the action of the convention was controlled by the same ring which usurped the powers of the whole party in the selection of national delegates. Knowing this, honest republicans are absolved from the allegiance claimed to be due to candidates who are the actual choice of the majority. Candidates representing not the people, but a clique of corrupt men, cannot expect to receive that united support which is essential to success.

We await developments, believing that some radical change in the present situation is the only way to prevent an improper nomination from resulting in a disastrous defeat, which the party can least afford upon the very threshold of a presidential election.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate on Wednesday of last week on motion of Mr. Sherman, the House message denying the right of the Senate to amend a tariff bill was referred to the Committee on Privileges. He said it was the first time it was ever disputed that the Senate had such a right. Mr. Frelinghuysen introduced a bill giving the American and East Indian Telegraph Company the right to have and maintain lines of cable between the American and Asiatic coasts.

In the House there was a discussion of the bill abolishing the franking privilege. Mr. Carroll opposed it as anti-republican. Mr. Potter regarded the present bill as a buncombe measure. Mr. Butler also opposed it, and explained his former vote in favor of such a bill by stating that he knew the Senate would kill it. The bill was recommitted—that is, killed.

In the Senate on Thursday of last week a resolution adopted by the West Virginia Constitutional Convention in favor of amnesty was presented, an adverse report from the Committee on Pensions upon the bill to pension the widow of Admiral Farragut was received, the case of Senator Abbott was discussed, and the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was amended and passed.

The House passed a bill—97 to 71—to prevent cruelty to animals in transit, considered a bill to encourage the planting of trees and the preservation of woods, and discussed the Senate amendments to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill. An amendment to reduce the sum of $50,000 for the perfection and enforcement of the President's civil-service regulation to $10,000 was adopted by 92 to 59.

In the Senate on Friday last a bill was reported appropriating $50,000 for the observance of the transit of the planet Venus, and the North Carolina election case was debated without action. In the House the Senate amendments to the Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary Appropriation bill were debated.

The Senate on Monday last postponed consideration of the contested election case of Senator Abbot, of North Carolina, until Monday next, and extending the power of the President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus at his discretion, for the Wednesday after. Memorials were presented praying that no extension be granted the Wilson sewing-machine patent.

In the House the chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the sales of arms to France reported the evidence and conclusions of the committee, exonerating the Secretary of War. The River and Harbor Improvement bill, appropriating about five millions, was passed, as was also a bill for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the depredations on the Mexican frontier.

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By virtue of sundry writs of venditioni exponas &c., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in the Town of Bloomsburg, on MONDAY, the 6th day of May, at one o'clock, p. m., the following real estate to wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Locust township Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to wit: on the west by lands of John Johnson and Mary Stewart; on the north by lands of Peter Strauser; on the east by Christian Small, and on the south by the same, containing forty six acres, more or less, on which are erected a dwelling house and bank barn with the appurtenances.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Hiram Y. Hower.

ALSO,

All that certain tract of land with the appurtenances, situate in Montour township, bounded and described as follows, to wit: on the south by lands of George Lynn, on the west by lands now or late of Frick & Hurly, on the north by lands of William Roberts, on the east by lands of Caldwallader Roberts, and lands now of Joseph Fry, containing thirty-six acres more or less, together with the appurtenances.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Simon Rudy.

ALSO:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of ground situate in the town of Espy, Columbia county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the south side of Second street, adjoining lot of Christman & Garrison on the east and by an alley on the south, and by lot of James Fowler on the west, whereon is erected a two-story frame dwellinll house with the appurtenances.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of N. S. Tingly.

ALSO:

A frame dwelling house of two stories, having a front of thirty feet and a depth of twenty feet, situate upon a certain lot or piece of land within the county of Columbia in the town of Mifflinville, Mifflin township, bounded on the front by Main Street, on the rear by a back street, on the northeast by lands of George Shuman, on the southwest by lands of Aaron W. Hess, containing Sixty-six feet front and fourteen rods in depth more or less.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John W. Yohe.

ALSO:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Greenwood twp., Columbia county and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the south and west by land of James Vanhorn, on the north by land of Henry Delong and on the east by land of William Wilson and James Manning, containing forty acres, be the same more or less, on which are erected a frame dwelling house and a bank barn, with the appurtenances.

ALSO:

Another lot or piece of land situate in the town of Rohrsburg, in the county of Columbia and State aforesaid, bounded as follows to wit: On the south by lot of Abraham Kline, on the west by land of Jacob Berlin, on the north by lot of Samuel Beninger and on the east by a public road leading from Rohrsburg to Benton, said lot is six rods in front and ten deep, whereon are erected a story and a half dwelling house, a frame store and a stable, with the appurtenances.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of James V. Wilson.

ALSO:

All that certain lot situate in Scott twp., Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the west by land of Isaac Hess, on the north by a public road, on the east by land of John Hartlugame, and on the south by land of Isaac White, containing about a quarter of an acre, be the same more or less, on which is erected a dwelling house.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Philip Graham.

AARON SMITH, Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF PHILIP HARTMAN, DEC'D.
Letters of administration on the estate of Philip Hartman late of Scott township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county to Thomas W. Hartman of Espy. All persons having claims or demands against the decedent are requested to make them known, and those indebted to make payment without delay.
THOMAS W. HARTMAN,
april 5 '72-6t* Administrator.

AN ORDINANCE

For the establishing of a Curbstone Market.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same.

ARTICLE 1. That the Market days in the said Town shall be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week, until eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that Second street from Market street to Iron street, shall be used as the place of Market for the sale and vending of meats,